

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
July 14, 2021**



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change –
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Upcoming Dates:

July 19, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams – this week: Front Porch Blues

July 21, 5 p.m. – Lobsterbake at picnic shelter at Fort Williams – hope to see you there!

July 26, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams – this week: Maine Marimba Ensemble

July 28 (via Zoom) – Gary Moretti, Mussels in Maine

August 4 (via Zoom) – Thorn Dickinson, CEO, New England Clean Energy Connect

August 14 – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park, South Portland. See signup email from Jim Britt.

August 18 – Official visit by District Governor Dick Hall (tentatively in person - place tbd)

August 24 – We will open Bug Light for a private tour for a group of students

September 1 – Bug Light will be open for the Car Show

OPENING WORDS

July 14 – Michele Danois shared a quote from Oprah Winfrey:

“Being grateful all the time isn’t easy. But it’s when you feel least thankful that you are most in need of what gratitude can give you: perspective.”

She also noted that this is the 60th anniversary of the Peace Corps, and she became hooked on Rotary when Bill York gave her the 2012-13 Rotary theme pin: “Peace Through Service.”

July 21 – Brenda Cressey

See [link in Scott Irving’s email](#) on June 24 to sign up.

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday, Brenda (7/24)

Happy Anniversary, Phil & Claudette Dube (7/22)

Thank you to Betty Egner, with assistance from “Eagle Eye” Mike Geneseo and Tony Wagner for designing the wonderful ad that appeared in the Sentry last week - thanking our WinterFest sponsors and letting the community know all the good things we do with our funds! (For you Capers, Betty says that it will be appearing in the Cape Courier also.)

Guests this week: Bill York

Notes re Lobsterbake

- ✓ A price has not yet been set since we don’t know whether soft-shell lobsters (which are cheaper) will be available by then – Anne will let us know as soon as she has the pricing information from our vendor.
- ✓ We are expecting a good turnout - we will try to make sure that there are plenty of tables but consider bringing your own chair if social distancing is a concern for you.
- ✓ If the weather forecast looks iffy, check for an email from Anne re potential re-location to the backup venue at the fire station.
- ✓ If you are running a tab for happy dollars, this will be an easy time to settle up with Kathy Cotter.

This Week’s Meeting – I can kick back and relax because Scott and Dave Bagdasarian Sr. have done my job for me! Thank you to Scott for [posting the results of the survey to our website](#) and to Bags for sending a very informative email about where we stand in our quest to return to normal. Thanks to Mike T for coordinating this effort and to everyone who completed the survey.

The Path to Making a Difference – *that is the title of an article that Brenda Cressey wrote for a regional Foundation newsletter (while she was still a Foundation trustee) and she has given permission to reprint it in this bulletin. Thank you, Brenda!*

We Rotarians aspire to do a little bit of healing in the world with everything we touch – and not just for the moment, but for the long term. I felt the tug to help heal the world as an incredibly young girl at the age of 5. I recall, perhaps like many of you, those days as young children when we played hard from morning until night with our friends in our neighborhood. We skipped rope, played ball and hide and seek, and at the end of the day planned long and hard about what we might do tomorrow.



You see, one of those friends from my childhood, who I'll name Suzie, was awfully close to me and one day Suzie mysteriously disappeared from my life. I kept asking my mother if I could play with Suzie and asked where she went. Finally, one day my mother, with tears in her eyes, told me that Suzie had a disease called polio and we wouldn't ever play again. Suzie, you see, had succumbed to polio, and those "big plans for tomorrow" disappeared as well.

I hadn't thought about Suzie for many years until three of my clients asked me to join Rotary back in 1989 and that is when I first learned about Rotary and its commitment to end polio around the world... yes, 30 plus years ago! Suddenly, my heart was five years old, and I was playing hopscotch with Suzie. And I knew immediately that I needed to join Rotary to help ensure that no little girl or boy would ever be stricken with polio again.

Polio of course will continue to be Rotary's #1 priority and I know that you will all continue to support this effort until we have seen that last case of polio and beyond. In fact, due to the pandemic, the distribution of the polio vaccine was disrupted; however we can be so very proud that the infrastructure that Rotary helped created to fight polio has been a critical component in helping to curb the effects of Covid-19.

Being part of Rotary has been one of the great joys of my life. And helping to lead our Foundation, as its first woman chair and current trustee has been one of the most gratifying experiences I have ever had. Fellow Rotarians, we've accomplished so much, and we are so close.

Your complete support is greatly needed to help keep up with the high demands on the needs we witness around the globe – the incredible life-changing and transformational projects that you continue to make happen as a committed Rotarian.

Committee Spotlight - Finance – At last week’s club assembly it was mentioned that in our path back to normal, we should encourage more committee participation. But most of us probably only have a vague idea of what all the club committees are. So we’ll be featuring reports on the various committees in the bulletin to increase everyone’s awareness. First up – the Finance Committee. Thank you to Chair Dave Bagdasarian for submitting this information.

Purpose:

- ✓ Assist the club President and Board on financial matters and concerns that may present to the club.
- ✓ Assist the president elect with budget preparation
- ✓ Formulate and produce an Annual Report and present to the Club and memorialize.
- ✓ Consult on long and short term use of the clubs’ assets.

Current Members:

- ❖ Nicole Albert
- ❖ Kathy Cotter
- ❖ Dan McDonald
- ❖ Nancy Hawes
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ John LoBosco
- ❖ Mike McGovern
- ❖ Chris Speh

Anticipated commitment is 4-6 one-hour meetings/year. For anyone interested, experience and/or interest in finance would be great, but a willingness to participate is most important!!



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