

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

July 28, 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:

August 2, 6 p.m. - Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams – this week: Travis Humphrey

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

August 14 – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park, South Portland. Note that the numbers of vendors is limited this year but we're a preferred vendor! See signup email from Jim Britt.

August 16, 6 p.m. - Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams – this week: Always, Sometimes

August 18 – Official visit by District Governor Dick Hall at Cape Elizabeth High School cafeteria (same place as lobsterbake) – look for signup email

August 23, 6 p.m. - Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams

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

September 11, 9-3 – Maine Open Lighthouse Day

OPENING WORDS

July 28 – Sue Sturtevant shared a poem by Nicolette Sowder:

May we raise children who love the unloved things –
The dandelion, the worms and spiderlings.
Children who sense the rose needs the thorn
And run into rainswept days the same way they turn towards sun...
And when they're grown and someone has to speak for those who have no voice,
May they draw upon that wilder bond, those days of tending tender things
And be the ones.

August 4 – Michele Danois

August 11 – Adrienne Murphy

Here is the [link](#) to sign up for future opening words

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Brenda & Dick Cressey - 53 years on August 10!

August Rotaversaries:

- * *Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. - 1 year*
- * *Sari Greene - 2 years*
- * *Patrick Veroneau - 4 years*
- * *Katelyn Estes - 7 years (including former club)*
- * *Michele Danois - 9 years*
- * *Chuck Redman - 12 years*
- * *John LoBosco - 16 years*
- * *Bob Knupp - 27 years (including former club)*

Calling All Techies (or Techie Wannabes) – Past President Mike G is forming a pool of people with a moderate amount of technical skills. People in this pool will help with Zoom co-hosting duties (which President Dave will attest is not hard to learn if you're not already experienced). This group will also be involved in formulating and implementing a hybrid meeting model. Please contact Mike if you have even the slightest bit of interest.

More LobsterBake Thank You's – Bob Knupp reports that McDonald's on Waterman Drive was very accommodating in helping with the ice for the lobster bake. Not only did the staff fill a large cooler with fresh ice, but they also carried it outside and loaded it into his vehicle. As Bob noted in his thank you letter to them, "This kind of service is rare these days."

Another P.S. from Last Week – I did not have pictures of our Community Paul Harris Fellow recognition recipients Bob & Linda Ayotte last week – thank you, Sue for providing a photo.



“When cooked well, they resemble filet mignon” – Well, who wouldn’t want to try a Bangs Island mussel then? Our guest this week was former nurse anesthetist Gary Moretti, who made a precipitous career change and used his retirement fund to purchase Bangs Island Mussels which he co-owns with his son Matt. When they bought the farm 11 years ago they had one employee and produced 30,000 pounds of mussels. Now despite ever-increasing automation of the process, they have 20 employees and are on track to produce 800,000 pounds of mussels this year. What lured them to make this purchase were all the benefits of mussels – their high nutritional value and the fact that they actually filter the ocean water. Gary shared a fascinating video that Eater magazine had produced that took us through the entire mussel production process. Gary concluded that he is “proud to be part of this emerging industry.”



HISTORIC OCCASION! – On Friday, President Dave met with SMCC President Joseph Cassidy to finalize the establishment of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Vocational Scholarships. The scholarship was made possible with the donation of our club's \$60,000 scholarship account. We had been accumulating this fund for a little over 20 years and it will be much more efficiently used – and benefit more students – if the college manages the funds. This is the largest donation our club has ever made. Huge thanks to President Dave for initiating this and to John LoBosco for working out the details with the college (with the help of the Finance Committee).



New Members Pitching In! – New members Tiffanie Bentley and Aaron Filieo joined Matt, Jim & Nicole (offscreen) at our auxiliary meeting location this week (aka Fore River Brewing).



But Aaron joined in the service as well as the socializing. He and Sarah Fisher joined Tony Wagner at Camp Hinds on Saturday evening to make dinner at the district's RYLA staff training. You can even see Aaron's son in the background!



And Now, Bob's Magazine Quiz!

1. The President's page mentions how RI membership has stagnated over the last 20 years. At what level?
 - a. 2 million
 - b. 1.6 million
 - c. 1.2 million
 - d. 1 million
2. Can you name the editor in chief of the Rotary magazine?
3. Mexico has a very young population (unlike Maine). What percentage is under the age of 25?
 - a. 52%
 - b. 43%
 - c. 38%
 - d. 31%
4. Jennifer Jones of Canada is the President-Elect of RI. What makes her unique? (*editor's comment – this is a gimme!*)

Bonus Question:

Once again, Rotarian Victor Fleming has conjured up a challenging crossword puzzle (page 63). What is the answer to the first across clue which reads "generosity" (7 letters)?

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