

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 1, 2022



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:

June 8 - Club Foundation Trivia Game

June 15 – Dr. Susan Black, Brunswick Coastal Rotary, Helping Pregnant Women in Burundi

June 18 – Family Fun Day – *Thank you, Jim Britt, for chairing!*

June 22 – No Meeting

June 23 (Thursday), 5:30 – South Portland Food Cupboard Service Opportunity

June 28 – Joint Board Meeting (Old and New)

June 29 – Changeover Night – at SMCC – stay tuned for details.

July 11 (Monday), 6-7:30 – Sounds by the Sea concert at Ft. Williams

July 20 – Lobsterbake

June 8 Duties

Opening Words – E Spoh

Raffle Gift – Egner

Meeting Room Set-up – *please sign up!*

OWL Operation – Tranfaglia

June 15 Duties

Opening Words – Sprague

Raffle Gift – Estes

Meeting Room Set-up – *please sign up!*

➤ OWL Operation – *Please sign up!*





Opening Words –Chris Speh read two poems by Mary Oliver, one of which was:
I'm not the river, that powerful presence.
And I'm not the black oak tree, which is patience personified.
And I'm not a redbird, who is a brief life hearted enjoyed.
Nor am I mud nor rock nor sand, which is holding everything together.
No, I am none of these things. Not yet.

What's New With Our Members




Happy Birthday to

-  Tiffanie Bentley (June 7)
-  Bill Anderson (June 10)
-  Dave Bagdasarian (June 14)

Happy Anniversary to

-  David & Joyce Lourie - **50 years!!!** (June 3)
-  Brent & Cat Wilson (June 6)
-  Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu - June 10
-  Jim & Gillian Britt - June 11

June Rotaversaries

-  DeeDee Wacksman - 11 years (partly in another club)
-  Scott Irving - 12 years
-  Bill Anderson- 17 years (partly in another club)

Congratulations to Bob Hanson who won a Scratch gift certificate (they have re-opened!) donated by Phil Dube.

Guests – we were happy to have Chris & Ellie Speh with us in person!

Changes at SMCC – For the rest of the summer, the dining hall will close the doors at 6 (to get in, that is – you can continue eating after that time). Since people will be eating earlier, our meetings will be from 6:15 to 7:15. Also note that rather than the buffet, they will prepare your meal to order so it may take a little bit longer to be served – please plan accordingly.

Spare Bunkbed, Anyone? – If anyone knows of the availability of a bunkbed, please let Peter Bennett know – the host family for our summer exchange student will be needing one.

A Note from Scott Irving (whom I credited with the success of the video/photo portion of last week's celebration) - most of the credit for the slide show really should go to John Lobosco, he was the main driver for the flow, he (and Dave) figured out the flow, John was the primary videographer, as well as director. I had notes from him on videos saying cut here, trim this, go there, etc.

News from the Board – the Board met last week – here’s what they’ve been up to:

- RYLA – we will be sending six students.
- SMCC Scholarship – we have awarded two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Due to market conditions, these apparently came from our principal so the board approved a \$3,000 donation to replenish our principal. (Note – despite the signs on campus advertising free tuition, there are several conditions to qualify for the free tuition so many SMCC students will still need scholarship assistance.)
- Wabanaki Youth in Science Program (WaYS) – the Board approved a donation of \$2,400, which is enough to support two students to this summer camp which links traditional cultural philosophies with environmental science, to provide a foundation for the care of the land and water so integral to Wabanaki heritage.
- Gift cards – the board authorized an additional \$1,000 for Target gift cards for the SP School Department to distribute to students in need.

Jill of All Trades – A huge thank you to Tiffanie Bentley who filled in with less than 24 hours’ notice for our scheduled speaker who couldn’t attend due to illness. Tiffanie gave a classification talk. i.e. a talk about her Rotary “classification” which is “Education – Community College.” Tiffanie is currently the Dean of Administration at SMCC, but started out several years ago on a contract to assist with the construction of the residence hall. Since then her titles have included Director of Student Life and Dean of Students. Prior to speaking to us, Tiffanie researched what a classification talk was supposed to be, and found the suggestion that she relate what a typical day consists of. But she never has a “typical day!” She deals with discrimination/harassment complaints, FOIA requests, maintenance issues (she noticed that there is a stain in a ceiling tile in our classroom), COVID issues, etc., etc. Maintenance is especially challenging since 60% of the funded facilities positions are currently vacant! She reported that the college is making plans to shift their programs even more in the direction of providing a workforce for Maine, including expanding their nursing program. Thanks so much, Tiffanie, for giving us insight into what you do, but also educating us more about our meeting host!



A Smashing Success! – The great weather on May 21 brought out lots of SP and CE residents to Mill Creek Park to our WinterFest/SpringFest celebration. And everyone, including all the Rotarian volunteers, seemed to be having a good time! A huge thank you to Patty and Sari for their excellent leadership in pulling off this tremendously successful event!



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