

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 2, 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:

March 9 – Norm O’Reilly, Dean, Graduate School of Business, UMaine

March 16 – No Meeting

March 23 – Club Assembly

March 30 – Past District Governor Marty Peak Helman, Rotary Peace Centers

April 6 – Dr. Julia McDonald, Doctors Without Borders (Dan’s daughter!)

April 16 (Saturday) – District Assembly

May 14 (Saturday) – District Conference

OPENING WORDS

March 2

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Opening Words Duty:

- March 9 – Mike McGovern
- March 23 – Meyers
- March 30 - Murphy







(If you cannot make it to the meeting forward your opening words to Dave to read on your behalf.)

Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:

- March 9 – Jim Britt
- March 23 – Frank Butterworth
- March 30 - Callahan

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

-  *Dan Mooers (March 11)*
-  *Dan McDonald (March 16)*
-  *Nancy Hawes (March 17)*
-  *Mike McGovern (March 17)*
-  *Bev Altenburg (March 18)*
-  *Paul Butler (March 18)*

Happy Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers (March 9)

Happy March Rotaversary to:

- *Aaron Filieo - 1 year*
- *Sue Sturtevant - 9 years*
- *Anne Swift-Kayatta - 18 years*
- *David Lourie - 27 years*

Thank you to Tiffanie for providing the raffle gift certificate to Tay Tene Café on Broadway in SP. Bags owned the 2nd ticket drawn but turns out I had the winning ticket in my pocket.

Welcome to SP-CE Rotary! – This week's meeting was devoted to welcoming new members and presenting Paul Harris Fellow awards. We have six new members who are officially members of the club now but who hadn't learned the secret handshake yet. We inducted four of them this week and will induct the other two (Jeff and Regan) when they have a chance to join us in person.

Mary McGreehan – Tony and several other club members met Mary at the Food Cupboard where she volunteers regularly. Mary also had experience with our club since her daughter received one of our high school scholarships. She is from Massachusetts but considers herself fortunate to have raised her two daughters in “the beautiful state of Maine.” Mary is a recreation therapist and has held positions in the social service field. She says that “our family values are strong in doing service for others and making a difference for the good in this world.” Mary is excited to be welcoming her first grandchild at the end of this month. Welcome, Mary!!!!



Bill Lohrman – Tony also introduced returning member Bill Lohrman, who left us when his job took him to Camden. But as we have learned with the Spehs and Bill York, an advantage of Zoom is that you can attend meetings even if you're not in South Portland. After moving, Bill continued to read our bulletin and volunteer for service projects when he was in the area. Bill holds an undergraduate degree from Rutgers in Agriculture & Environmental Science, as well as an MBA. He worked in strategic planning and public relations in Dallas before switching to the energy field. He is currently a senior analyst for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as being a part-time realtor. Welcome back, Bill!!!



Bob Hanson – Dan McDonald introduced Bob, who is also a former Rotarian but of the Everett, Mass and Freeport, Maine clubs. While in those clubs he became a Paul Harris Fellow. Bob has quite an impressive background, having degrees and certificates from Univ. of Nebraska, Keene, Yale, Columbia and Harvard. He served as an Episcopal priest in Massachusetts and Minnesota, has taught college courses, led the Mass PAC for Peace and has written 16 books. He and his wife Mary Lee have 7 sons, 12 grandchildren and 6 great- grandchildren. Welcome, Bob!!!



Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien – I had a chance to chat with Kiley the first time she came to an in-person meeting and I mentioned to Laurenz what a great member she would be. So I jumped at the chance when he asked me to be her Rotary mentor. Kiley grew up on China Lake and attended Goucher College, where she majored in anthropology and sociology and received the Phenomenal Woman Award in 2011. She later received a master's degree from the Muskie School at USM. She is the Director of Crisis System Reform for DHHS, where she works to increase equitable access to mental health crisis care. And since Maine is a small world, wouldn't you know she happens to work with Bill Lohrman's wife Elaine and has tremendous respect for her. (Look for Kiley's name later in this bulletin!) Welcome, Kiley!!!



Recognizing Generosity – The club's Foundation Committee presented Paul Harris Fellow awards which have been accumulating the past couple months. Betty started us off with a brief overview of what the Paul Harris Fellow represents (cumulative donations to The Rotary Foundation of \$1,000 – NOT necessarily all at once) and announced that our club and its members/friends have donated a cumulative total of \$520,207 to the Foundation.

Sue Sturtevant presented a PHF certificate and pin to ***Nicole Albert***, who is a first-time Paul Harris Fellow, as the result of steady donations adding up over time. Sue noted that in addition to being generous with her money, Nicole is very generous with her time as well, currently serving as our club treasurer.



(I didn't crop this picture as much so that if you haven't been there in person, you can get an idea of what we see on the screen from the classroom.)

Similarly Anne Swift-Kayatta presented (virtually) first-time Paul Harris Fellow recognition to **Bev Altenburg**. Like Nicole, Bev is also very generous with her time, having served on the board as club service director and being pivotal in the past successes of WinterFest.

Nancy Hawes presented a memorial Paul Harris Fellow which an anonymous club member had donated in honor of **Sally Campbell** (Tony's late wife). To put it plainly – to know Sally was to love her. She was already a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and this was a very loving and thoughtful gesture by the donor. (We had been making plans to make this presentation prior to the pandemic and it kind of fell through the cracks when everything had to be put on hold.)

Tony presented a multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin to his friend – and friend of the club – **Dr. David Langdon**. Dr. Langdon is the head of Radiology at Mercy Hospital and although he has never been a member of our club, he has donated faithfully and generously to The Rotary Foundation for several years.



It's Official! – We elected our 2022-23 Board of Directors at this week's meeting. The slate of officers who had been nominated at the February 9 club meeting were:

- ★ President-Elect – Dan McDonald
- ★ Vice-President – Nancy Irving
- ★ Treasurer – Tom Hamerski
- ★ Secretary – Kathy Cotter
- ★ International Service Director – Peter Bennett
- ★ Club Service Director – Mike Tranfaglia
- ★ Community Service Director – Kiley Wilkens O'Brien
- ★ Membership Director – Matt McAleney
- ★ Youth Service Co-Directors – Tiffanie Bentley & Sarah Fisher

In addition to these officers, two positions are automatic:

- ★ President – Jim Britt
- ★ Director-at-large – Dave Bagdasarian

Congratulations and thank you to all who are willing to volunteer their time and abilities to our club. The Nominating Committee, led by Mike Geneseo, did a fantastic job in compiling this group of leaders and we look forward to an outstanding year!

Bob's March Magazine Quiz

One of the leading articles features John Hewko, General Secretary of RI. Which of the following is not true?

- a) He resided in Kyiv, Ukraine
- b) He is a lawyer
- c) He speaks six languages
- d) He opened a law office in Moscow

What percentage of persons over the age of 50 experience blindness because of cataracts?

- a) 45%
- b) 15%
- c) 38%
- d) 60%

How many people, worldwide, lack safely managed drinking water?

- a) 22 million
- b) 800 million
- c) 2 billion
- d) 3.2 billion

Victor Fleming strikes again. The clue is 22 across which reads, "moment of balance that falls in March." It is 13 letters long and has two words.

Bonus Question: After the Hindenburg disaster in Lakehurst, N.J., what is now the gas in dirigibles?

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE

Officers

President – Dave Bagdasarian
President-Elect – Jim Britt
Vice-President – Dan McDonald
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Nicole Albert

Directors

Club Administration – Mike Tranfaglia
Youth Services – Katelyn Estes
Community Services – Tony Wagner
International Services/Foundation – Peter Bennett
Membership – Laurenz Schmidt
Director-At-Large – Michael Geneseo

Committee Chairs

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Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes

Program Chair – John LoBosco

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