

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 23, 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:

March 30 – Past District Governor Marty Peak Helman, Rotary Peace Centers **PLUS** a special Foundation presentation

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

April 13 – No Meeting

April 16 (Saturday), 8:00 – 1:30 – District Assembly at UNE, Stevens Avenue, Portland. Registration fee (paid by our club) includes continental breakfast and a box lunch.

April 20 – Club Assembly/Business Meeting

April 27 – Dick Sawyer, "My Transition into Retirement – Finding a New Avocation: Photography"

May 4 – Ken Johnson, Farms for Food Equity

May 14 (Saturday) – District Conference at Sable Oaks Hotel, South Portland. Events throughout the day from 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. – look for more info to come.

May 21 (Saturday) – SPRINGFEST!!

May 25 (Wednesday) – Club 60th Anniversary Celebration!!

June 18 – Family Fun Day

July 20 – Lobsterbake

OPENING WORDS

March 23 – In recognition of March Madness, Tom Meyers shared some quotes from John Wooden, who had the highest winning percentage in the history of US college basketball:

- If you are afraid to fail, you will never do the things you are capable of doing.
- If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes.
- Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.
- Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.
- You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.
- Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

Opening Words Duty:

- March 30 – Murphy
- April 6 – McGreehan
- April 13 - Redman





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

Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:

- March 30 – Callahan
- April 6 – Butler
- April 13 - Cotter

What's New With Our Members (and Others)

Birthday Oops! With the week off every month, apparently I have let some birthdays fall through the cracks. So belated birthday wishes to:

-  *Dick Yerxa - March 5 (how could I have forgotten Dick!!)*
-  *Peter Bennett - March 23*
-  *Marc Mutty - March 23*
-  *Sarah Fisher - March 25 (well technically I'm not late in wishing Sarah a happy birthday today!)*

Happy Anniversary to Jack & Shari Roberts (April 3)

Congratulations to Frank Butterworth who won the raffle prize of a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware donated by - himself! (so we're pretty sure he'll like it!)

We hear that Patty Sprague is knocking em dead in her performance in “Murder on the Orient Express” at Lyric Theater.

Welcome back to her first post-pandemic in-person meeting to Sari Greene.

Club Assembly aka Business Meeting

There was a lot of business to report in this week’s meeting:

Hybrid meetings - Thank you to Tom Meyers for “running the board” at this week’s meeting. Apologies to anyone who tried to join us online and didn’t find us – apparently it was something that SMCC had done with the settings or something like that – not Tom’s fault! And it’s usually not that complicated/frustrating to get the meetings started. Please consider responding to Scott’s sign-up invitation. He wanted to clarify that the room setup duty is just a physical setup – i.e. putting the Rotary sign outside the door and carrying a few items a few feet from the locker to the classroom – takes about 5 minutes.

Another meeting update – Masks are now optional at SMCC.

South Portland Public Works Appreciation Lunch – our (almost) annual lunch was held on Wednesday at Willows and reports were that it went very well, perhaps our best ever. Thank you to these Rotarians in attendance:

- Kiley Wilkens
- Kathy Cotter
- Dan McDonald
- Dave Bagdasarian
- Tony Wagner

Monetary Donations – President Dave read a list of donations that the club has made (or approved) recently, and passed around some thank you notes that the club has received:

- \$ \$6,500 – The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund)
- \$ \$3,000 – ShelterBox
- \$ \$2,000 – Partners for World Health
- \$ \$4,000 – PolioPlus (The Rotary Foundation)
- \$ \$3,000 – South Portland Food Cupboard – earmarked for a generator
- \$ \$1,000 – Cape Robotics (to help the state champ middle school AND high school teams AND the HS runner-up team attend the world championships in Dallas)
- \$ \$500 – South Portland Little League
- \$ \$500 – Cape Elizabeth Little League (they haven’t actually asked yet but the donation has already been approved)
- \$ \$1,000 – Sounds by the Sea (the summer music concert series at Fort Williams)
- \$ \$4,000 – Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund (relief for Ukrainian refugees)
- \$ \$200 – Cape Elizabeth Lions, for maintenance of their clubhouse
- \$ \$3,000 – The Family Restored
- \$ \$2,000 – Farms for Food Equity

Whew – we do a lot of good in the community!

SMCC Scholarship – As a result of our creating a scholarship fund at SMCC, we will be invited to a meet & greet breakfast on Monday morning at which we and other donors will have a chance to meet scholarship recipients – John LoBosco will be representing our club at the event.

WinterFest, oops I mean SpringFest! – The activities, which will be as similar as possible to the originally planned activities, will take place from 11 – 3 on Saturday, May 21. The most immediate need is to re-design the logo since the current snowman logo hopefully will not be representative of the event. Let Sari or Patty know if you can help with this. There will be additional opportunities for the rest of us to help out – stay tuned!

Better Late than Never – Our club was scheduled to have a special meeting on March 18, 2020 at which we were going to honor two couples as Community Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of their service to our communities. And we all know what happened to that meeting. One of the couples, Bob & Linda Ayotte, were able to come to the Lobsterbake so they were recognized then. The other couple could not make it on that date and we have been waiting for a suitable opportunity to present their PHFs. Well, we got tired of waiting and presented Dick and Janet Ingalls with the awards at their home in South Portland on Wednesday afternoon. Tom Meyers nominated Dick in recognition of lengthy voluntary public service as chair of the Harbor Commission. There was a long list of Dick's accomplishments that Tom described but basically he was saying that Dick was instrumental in everything you can see in Portland Harbor (Casco Bay Bridge, International Marine Terminal, various construction projects) and also in what you DON'T see (condos and houses on the working waterfront, shipping collisions or ships running aground). He summarized with: "In all his work, Dick is a role model in how to work collegially, professionally and respectfully. He often works unheralded, behind the scenes using experience, wisdom and power of persuasion to get things done."

Kathy Cotter delivered words (originally written by Nancy Irving two years ago) describing Jan's community service. Jan operates much more in the background but she is a perennial volunteer and is responsible for the creation of the Children's Clothing Closet at the First Congregational Church, providing free clothing in a store-like setting for low-income parents.

President Dave was also on hand to describe The Rotary Foundation and what a Paul Harris Fellow represents. The Ingalls' son Andrew and son-in-law Bill Saufley also came over to be present at the event.

(You can't see it because of the glare, but the view from the window in the photos below looks directly at the Casco Bay Bridge from the SP side – they have a wonderful view of the entire harbor.)



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