

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 30, 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:

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), 6 p.m. – Club 60th Anniversary Celebration!! Sable Oaks Sheraton, SP

June 18 – Family Fun Day

July 20 - Lobsterbake

OPENING WORDS

March 30 – Rev. Fran joined us **in person** at SMCC for the first time and offered some fitting remarks on the occasion.

Opening Words Duty:

- April 6 – McGreehan
- April 20 – Redman
- April 27 - Roberts




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

Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:




- April 6 – Butler
- April 20 – Cotter
- April 27 - Danielson

What's New With Our Members (and Others)

Happy Birthday to:

-  *Mark Leasure (April 6)*
-  *Ellie Speh (April 8)*
-  *Doug Schauf (April 13)*

Happy Anniversary to:

-  *Jack & Shari Roberts (April 3)*
-  *Bill & Diane Anderson (April 11)*
-  *Dan & Joan McDonald (also April 11 - on the same day in 1970!)*

Congratulations to Mike McGovern who won a gift certificate to Dean's Sweets courtesy of Catherine Callahan - who also made her first in-person appearance at SMCC!

Congratulations to Bob & Alicia Danielson on the birth of their new grandchild!

Thank you to Tony Wagner for running the board at this week's meeting (assisted by Scott of course)

Nice to see you again, Bill York, we've missed you at our meetings!

April Rotarversaries:

- ⊗ *Brent Wilson - 1 year*
- ⊗ *Karen Vachon - 3 years*
- ⊗ *Chris Speh - 3 years (includes time in NC club)*
- ⊗ *Tural Nadirli - 4 years*
- ⊗ *Dan McDonald - 7 years*
- ⊗ *Tom Meyers - 21 years*
- ⊗ *Phil Dube - 52 years (he joined the day before the Andersons & the McDonalds got hitched)*

Bring Your Drugs – Next week’s speaker (Dan’s daughter Julia) will be embarking on a trip to Honduras shortly and would like to take as many medications with her as she can. If you have any of these that you can spare, please consider bringing them to next week’s meeting:

- unexpired prescription medications;
- over-the-counter medications (Tylenol, cold medications, vitamin supplements, etc.);
- reading glasses.

District Training Assembly – You probably received an email recently from District Governor Dick Hall encouraging you to register as soon as possible. Just a reminder that our club will pay your registration fee (which includes breakfast and lunch) if you would like to attend. This is a great opportunity to greet old friends, make new friends and learn what other Rotary clubs in our district are up to. Hope to see you there!

Coast Guard Reunion? – Our club meeting doubled as a Coast Guard reunion this week due to the presence of Tom Meyers, Jeff Gabrielson, Bob Gravino (guest from the Bath Sunrise club and Chair of the District’s Peace Scholar Committee) and our guest speaker Marty Helman - who was not in the CG herself but her father was (I think I have that right). Also joining us in person – although she doesn’t seem to have a CG connection – was next year’s District Governor Claudia Frost whom we’ll be seeing more of in the coming year. We were also joined on Zoom by several Rotarians from all over the district who were interested in hearing about the Rotary Peace Centers.

Major Donor – Our guest speaker this week, Marty Peak Helman, is a Past District Governor, past Chair of the District Foundation Committee and as of July 1 she will be a member of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. So since she was here anyway... she put on her Foundation hat and presented President Dave and Past President Fran Bagdasarian with their Foundation Major Donor recognition paraphernalia – pins (with diamonds!) and a beautiful crystal (Fran loves glass art!). In her introduction of Dave and Fran, Marty recognized Fran’s extraordinary luck (she says she has won the raffle NINETEEN times!) and Dave’s outstanding leadership in selling trees during a pandemic. As Dave and many other people have noted when receiving recognition from The Rotary Foundation, it wasn’t the result of writing one enormous check – it was just small contributions to an outstanding charity that add up over time.



Rotary Peace Centers – As noted above, Marty Helman spoke to us this week about the Rotary Peace Centers, giving us a history of the Centers and insight to how they have evolved (the certificate programs give more bang for the buck). She also spoke about the historic donation from the Otto & Fran Foundation which will fund a Peace Center in the Middle East, and gave us an update on how that is progressing. She also told us stories about individual Peace Scholars including a childhood friend of Matt McAleney who is now a teacher in Rockland. Rather than try to capture all the details of her talk in the bulletin, I will be sending a link to her powerpoint in case you were there and want to refresh your memory, or if you weren't there and want to see what you missed out on. Between the Major Donor presentation, the excellent presentation by Marty, and having so many people at the meeting (in person or Zoom), it was a real feel-good meeting!

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