

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 9, 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 16 – No Meeting

March 22, 7:00 – 8:15 – Board meeting. All are welcome to observe – let Bags know if you want the link.

March 23 – Club Assembly

March 24, 5:30 – 7:30 – Unloading followed by dinner at South Portland Food Cupboard

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

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!! Patty announced that WinterFest has been re-scheduled to this date – more to come!

May 25 (Wednesday) – *TENTATIVE* – Club 60th Anniversary Celebration

OPENING WORDS

March 9 – Mike McGovern reflected on the impact of the pandemic, what Rotary stands for, and that he (like the rest of us) is proud to be a Rotarian

Opening Words Duty:

- March 23 – Meyers
- March 30 – Murphy
- April 6 -

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

Raffle Gift Donor Schedule:

- March 23 – Frank Butterworth
- March 30 – Callahan
- April 6 - Butler

What's New With Our Members (and Others)

Happy Birthday to

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

Congratulations to Bob Danielson, who won the raffle gift certificate to Flatbread donated by Jim Britt. (And congratulations by the way to Jim & Gillian for a very successful Restaurant Week!)

Thank you to Jeff Hobbs for his \$700 contribution to our club's external fund, to be used to augment our donations to help homeless veterans.

Thank you to Mike Tranfaglia for being our technical coordinator this week! (It's not hard - please consider coming early to a meeting to learn how if you will be attending meetings in person.)

Congratulations to the State Champion South Portland High School basketball team!

In the Newspaper – Thursday’s paper has an editorial by Wednesday night’s speaker about sports and Russia. And then today’s paper has a letter informing us that Partners for World Health has sent a shipment of medical supplies to Ukraine and will continue to do so as long as they have equipment and funds to do so. For newer members, the club has been a friend to Partners for World Health, donating \$2,000/year and pre-pandemic holding work parties to help them sort and pack supplies.

Learn More About Rotary! – There are some upcoming opportunities to learn more about Rotary beyond our club. One is the District Assembly on April 16 (see calendar above), at which you can meet and learn from Rotarians in other clubs in our own district. Another is the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) which is an opportunity to meet and learn from Rotarians outside of our district. RLI is a 3-part “course” held on Saturdays. Since the pandemic forced sessions to be virtual, there are a lot more opportunities to participate (although some are in person now). I attended Part I last month online with mostly people from New Jersey and Pennsylvania (but there was one woman from the Brunswick Coastal club). To find out when and where classes will be held, you can go to www.rlinea.org. And our secretary Kathy Cotter reminds us that whatever registration fee is charged will be reimbursed to you from our club.

More Welcomes!! – The fun continued this week with the induction of the two new members who weren’t able to come to last week’s meeting.

Regan St. Pierre was introduced by Laurenz Schmidt. Regan lives in Cape Elizabeth and has two young sons, ages 5 and 8. She is the Director of Community Investment of EverNorth. (EverNorth was formed in July, 2020 as a result of the merger of Northern New England Housing Investment Fund and Housing Vermont. It serves low- and moderate-income people in communities in Maine, NH and Vermont). Regan went to Clark University and has an MBA from BU. Regan was already familiar with Rotary, having received a Rotary scholarship when she was in college. Another Rotary connection – she used to work with Brent Wilson!



Jeff Gabrielson was introduced by Bob Danielson. Jeff could not attend last week because he was visiting his 7th continent – Antarctica!! Jeff is a former member, having moved to California in 2005 after being in our club for then years, including serving as president. A few years ago Jeff moved to Vermont with his wife Linda, whom many club members remember as being a very generous hostess and great cook – she invited the entire club to their home for dinner (a few at a time) during the year that he was president. They have two sons (Jeremy, who is chair of the CE town council and Gregg, who lives in Arizona) and a daughter Erin who lives in Maine. Jeff and Linda will be dividing their time between CE and Vermont. (*Ed note – Jeff’s name came up recently when I was telling someone about the poker parties we used to have and the time that we had to loan Jeff some money before he left so he could buy milk on the way home.*)



Trends in Business – Mike McGovern introduced our speaker Norm O’Reilly who is the dean of the business school at the USM. He was accompanied by Joyce Kennedy from the USM Foundation (who was our speaker a couple years ago in our Zoom era). I could use this whole bulletin (and more) to describe Dr. O’Reilly’s accomplishments but suffice it to say that he has published extensively in the field of sports management, has climbed Kilimanjaro with his family, and lives in Cape Elizabeth with his wife and 4 children (including a set of twins). Dr. O’Reilly filled us in on plans to consolidate the MBA programs within the UMaine System to form a Graduate School of Business (GSB) to be located in the old CIEE building on Fore Street in the old Port. He spoke about 12 trends in business, including the increase in remote work (over a third of workers will work from home after the pandemic, there are MANY more job openings than workers available to fill them, the digital economy will continue to expand, diversity/inclusion is essential, the glass ceiling continues to exist and the importance of privacy.



Old News – Since both Anne and Bev were on Zoom last week and the screen from the classroom is too fuzzy for good photos (in future I'm going to solve that by logging into zoom myself even if I'm there in person), we did not have a photo of them in last week's bulletin. So here is Anne presenting Bev with her PHF certificate in person in the past week.



Polio – Good News, Bad News – Rotary has an End Polio Now newsletter which has these two articles in its most recent edition:

Wild polio case detected in Malawi

As an imported case from Pakistan, this detection of type 1 wild poliovirus in Malawi does not affect the WHO African region's wild polio-free certification status.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has confirmed a case of type 1 wild poliovirus (WPV1) in a child suffering from paralysis in Malawi. Analysis has shown the virus is genetically linked to WPV1 that had circulated in Pakistan's Sindh province.

Detection of WPV1 outside the world's two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan is a serious concern and underscores the importance of prioritizing polio immunization activities in countries such as Malawi to prevent future instances of importation.

While the news from Malawi is disappointing, the polio program has seen importations from endemic countries to regions that have been certified wild polio-free in the past, and has moved quickly to successfully stop transmission of the virus in these areas. Now is the time for all parties — Rotary members, communities, government leaders, and global partners — to recommit to ending all forms of polio for good.

Progress in Pakistan shows that polio eradication remains achievable

Pakistan, one of the last two countries where polio is still endemic, has gone a full year without one report of a child being paralyzed by the wild poliovirus. This shows that a polio-free world is within reach. We recognize the commitment of Rotary members in Pakistan and around the world who have made this progress possible, and we continue to focus on the hard work we still need to do to deliver a polio-free future to all children everywhere.



Rotary members in Pakistan play a vital role in polio eradication by raising awareness and funds, advocating with government officials, and engaging community leaders. To date, Rotary has supported polio eradication in Pakistan by giving nearly US\$347 million in grants to fund vaccines, immunization campaigns, and surveillance efforts, and to hire health workers. We've also established medical camps and water filtration plants to bring broader health improvements to communities.

Even as we reflect on our encouraging progress in Pakistan, we also recognize that it is fragile. Surveillance efforts in Pakistan have continued to detect the wild poliovirus in samples from the environment, and challenges in reaching all children with vaccines persist. Rotary and our partners must redouble our efforts to stop polio transmission.

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. **Vernal Equinox**

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

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