

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 11, 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:

May 21 (Saturday) – SPRINGFEST!! 11 am – 3 pm.

May 24 – Board Meeting

May 25 (Wednesday), 6 p.m. – Club 60th Anniversary Celebration!! Sable Oaks Sheraton, SP.

May 26 - South Portland Food Cupboard Donation Processing – see Brent’s email to sign up

June 1 - Hybrid meeting. Donna Anderson, Director, Osher Life Long Learning Center

June 8 - Club Foundation Trivia Game

June 18 – Family Fun Day – *need a volunteer to chair event*

June 22 – No Meeting

June 28 – Joint Board Meeting (Old and New)

June 29 – Changeover Night

July 20 – Lobsterbake

OPENING WORDS – Laurenz Schmidt gave some thoughts surrounding a quotation from a German poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: *“Courage is the commitment to begin without any guarantee of success.”*

June 1 Duties

- Opening Words – C Speh
- Raffle Gift – Dube
- Meeting Room Set-up – need someone to sign up
- OWL Operation – Albert

June 8 Duties

- Opening Words – E Speh
- Raffle Gift – Egner
- Meeting Room Set-up –
- OWL Operation – Tranfaglia

What's New With Our Members (and Others)

Happy Birthday to Mike Geneseo (May 20)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia (May 19)

Congratulations to Nicole who won the 50/50 raffle last week.

Thank you to those who remembered who the architect was who designed the bleachers for us at Lions Field in 1998 - Bob Howe. Those not needing Prevagen (or already taking?) included Bob Danielson, Adrienne Murphy, Frank Butterworth and Mike McGovern.

Guests: *Mitch Rosengarten from the Portland Sunrise club*

Anniversary Update – Just under 100 people have signed up for our 60th Anniversary celebration next week. The committee has put together an interesting program touching on the past, present and future. There will be posters and a slide show depicting scenes from our life as a club. However our “60 for 60” will continue past next week as we collect videos and photos documenting our club’s history.

The Easiest Job! – Of all the things we ask people to do – present opening words, provide a raffle gift, work at the Food Cupboard, sell Christmas trees, etc. – the easiest of all is setting up our meeting room at SMCC. It requires NO training and takes about 5 minutes. All you have to do is remove a few items from the locker, carry them a few feet into the classroom, and hand up the banners. And if you’re not sure what to do, there’s always someone there who can guide you. So if you attend meetings in person, please take a look at the Meeting Room setup duty roster on the club website and consider adding your name. To sign up, choose “Meeting Room Setup” from the drop-down menu under “Members Only” (not to be confused with “Member Area”) on the club website.

Victoria Mansion – Sue Sturtevant, a member of the Victoria Mansion’s Board of Directors, introduced their new Executive Director, Tim Brosnihan. Tim was already very familiar with the Mansion, having started with the organization 20 years ago – first as a site manager, then office manager, then deputy director, then acting director, and now after a nationwide search he was the best choice to be Executive Director. Victoria Mansion, which is a National Historic Landmark, has over 35,000 per year in non-pandemic times. It is unique in that over 90% of the home’s furnishings dating from the 1860s are still there. The Mansion has a very active conservation program which over the past ten years has gone through room by room and removed soot from burning coal. Tim shared that during the pandemic, the Mansion’s volunteers put together a research group which delved into the history of the house’s original owners, who lived in New Orleans during the Civil War. They discovered that they were pro-secession and owned 26 slaves. The Mansion has begun to share this information with visitors and has received a grant to learn more about these 26 people so their stories can be told also.



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