

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 10, 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:

November 17 – Lisa Joyce, South Portland Public Library

November 20 (Saturday) – Tree Lot Setup

November 23 (Tuesday), 7 p.m. – Board meeting on Zoom

November 24 – No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 26 (Friday), 7:45 a.m. – 1st Tree Unloading & Sales begin!

December 2 – Food Cupboard unloading – Brent Wilson is coordinating

January 28-29 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS

November 10 – Tiffanie Bentley commemorated Veteran’s Day with Abraham Lincoln’s words at the dedication of the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg (which ironically the world did long remember):

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting

place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate - we cannot consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

November 17 – Scott Irving

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Nicole Albert (November 13)*

 *Tom Hamerski (November 26)*

Happy Anniversary to Adrienne & Steve Murphy (Nov. 12)

Congratulations to Mike McGovern who won the 50/50 raffle this week and donated his winnings to his favorite charity - you guessed it - PolioPlus!

Congratulations to Bill Anderson and Tony Wagner who tied in the football pool with 9 correct picks AND for the first time ever, tied in the Monday night points tiebreaker! Since Tony is in Virginia, Bill will take possession of the trophy first then pass it on to Tony when he comes home.

Congratulations to Tori Russell (daughter of the late Past President Jim Russell) who got engaged last weekend!



Guests this week: Ellsworth Rotarian Lincoln Ehrlenbach who is a Past District Governor of District 7790 attended (at the invitation of our guest speaker Dave Underhill) and Bob Hansen, guest of Dan McDonald.

The Best Laid Plans – After our hybrid meeting went so well last week, we were thrown for a loop this week when the Owl crapped out on us during happy dollars. President Dave had a backup plan and we were able to use his laptop for the rest of the meeting. Not ideal but at least the zoomers were able to see and hear the speaker’s presentation. Fortunately our speaker Dave Underhill’s club (Portsmouth) had a headstart on us and he was able to email Scott with some tips that helped their club in keeping the Owl from disconnecting itself.

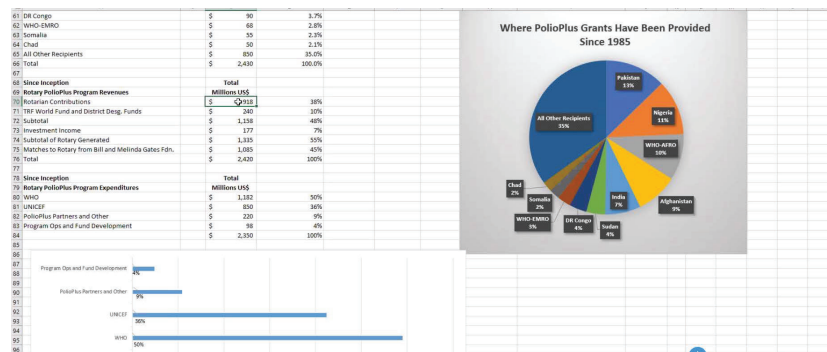
Despite this hiccup, we have every confidence that we’ll be able to work out the bugs for smoother meetings in the future. Mike Tranfaglia received training this week in how to do set-up etc. If you would like to join the “tech” team (which does not require that you be a techie!), come to 107 Preble Hall at 6:00 before any meeting to learn the ropes.

OUR Rotary Foundation – Our speaker this week was Past District Governor Dave Underhill (DG when Sue Sturtevant was our club president), who is the Chair of our District’s Foundation Committee. Dave masterfully walked us through all the different ways that the Foundation functions to make the world a better – and more peaceful – place, as well as how it’s funded. He also highlighted the accomplishments of SPCE Rotary in supporting the Foundation itself, as well as in supporting Foundation Global Grants written by other clubs.

The Power of Two: Two Countries, Two Cases – How Close Are We? – Our district had a webinar to update us on Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio. Not surprisingly two of the presenters were our friend and past Rotary Foundation Chair Brenda Cressey, and RI PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern.



Mike shared his screen to show a spreadsheet with various data about the monetary aspects of polio eradication. The top part (which is cut off here) showed all the places where the money has been spent (but they’re displayed on the pie chart) and the middle section shows how much money Rotary has generated to help eradicate polio - **\$2.4 billion!!!!** I need to knock on a huge piece of wood to say this but the heading of this article hints at the hopefully good news – the last case of wild polio was almost ten months ago.



Bob's November Rotary Magazine Quiz

1. What is the significance of this month in Rotary?
 - a. Turkey theme
 - b. Bicycles for Africans
 - c. **Foundation Month**
 - d. Water and Sanitation Project Month

2. Who will be Rotary International President in 2023?
 - a. James Gregmeier, United States
 - b. Brian Carnahan, Canada
 - c. Aziz Memon, Pakistan
 - d. **Gordon McInally, Scotland**

3. PolioPlus needs to raise \$50 million this year. How much would have to come from each Rotary club:
 - a. \$5,000
 - b. \$500
 - c. \$2,750
 - d. **\$1,500**

4. Our crossword meister Victor Fleming challenges us each month, see page 62. What is the answer to 41 Down which reads: "Kamali of fashion?" **Answer = Norma**

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