

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**November 3, 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 10** – Past District Governor Dave Underhill, “Rotary Foundation 101”

**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)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Unloading & Sales begin!

**January 28-29** – WinterFest!

### **OPENING WORDS**

November 3 – Chris Speh shared several quotes:

“Get busy living, or get busy dying” – The Shawshank Redemption, Stephen King

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy” – Dalai Lama

“You only live once but if you do it right, once is enough” – Mae West

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up” - Thomas Edison

“You never really learn much from hearing yourself speak” – George Clooney

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain” – Dolly Parton

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” – Albert Einstein

*“Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes” – Oscar Wilde*

*“In three words, I can summarize everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on.” – Robert Frost*

*November 10 – Tiffanie Bentley*

*November 17 – Scott Irving*

### **What’s New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to*

 *Matt McAleney (November 8)*







 *Nicole Albert (November 13)*

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

*Congratulations to Patty Sprague and Falmouth Rotarian Roger Berube on their engagement!!*

*Our condolences to friend of the club Jane Eberle on the recent death of her husband.*

### **November Rotaversaries:**

-  *Mark Leasure - 6 years*
-  *Betty Egner - 12 years (including previous club)*
-  *Kathy Cotter - 16 years*
-  *Adrienne Murphy - 29 years*
-  *Jeff Hobbs - 37 years since he first joined*
-  *Bob Knupp - 41 years (including previous club)*

*Guests this week: Kiley Wilkens joined us again, along with Mary McGreehan (sp?), a Food Cupboard volunteer whose daughter received a scholarship from our club.*

**Resurgam!** – Like the City of Portland, our club has “risen” from the ashes of COVID Zoomland and we are once again meeting in person. With the added benefit of including members and guests who join us virtually. Last night truly felt like a red-letter day for our club. Not only were we meeting again, but there were 37 people at last night’s meeting – on a par with, if not better than, where we were pre-pandemic. Our successful switch to hybrid would not have been possible without the amazing leadership provided by:

- ★ *Mike Geneseo – As President-Elect, Mike moved us to Zoom at the onset of the pandemic, such that we only missed one meeting as a result of the pandemic. He led*

virtual club meetings and board meetings for a little over 15 months, ensuring that our club stayed strong throughout that time.

- ★ Dave Bagdasarian – As the overseer of the tree sale last year, he led the transformation of the tree sale to a hybrid model which produced an incredibly successful sale. He spurred the renewal of our bond with SMCC, leading to our current meeting location.
- ★ Mike Tranfaglia – As our Club Administration Director, he has surveyed the club's preferences and worked with SMCC to work out our present highly satisfactory arrangement.
- ★ Kathy Cotter – Kathy has been collecting our happy dollar checks all along (and last night she had real cash money to collect!) and has been the keeper of our Rotary "stuff" (which will be stored in a locker outside our meeting room at SMCC)
- ★ Scott Irving – When there's anything technical going on, you can bet that Scott is in the background making sure things go well.



I have participated both ways now (Zoom for the test meeting and in person last night) and from both perspectives, it really feels like the Zoom people are part of the meeting. For those of you on Zoom, here's what it looks like from the other side – note that our Owl is in the photo too (I think we should name it).



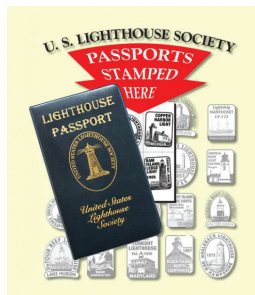
**Calling All Literate Members** – Our new meeting room will need to be set up each week. It does **NOT** require any unusual technical skills. Scott is going to write out step-by-step instructions so basically it requires that you know how to read. (So presumably if you're reading this you're qualified.) Please contact Scott, Mike G, Mike T or President Dave if you're willing to help out.

**Pints for Polio a Success!** –The Fore River Brewery has donated **\$325** to The Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus as a result of the “Pints for Polio” fundraiser. They even suggested that we do it quarterly. It's actually a win, win, win:

- \$ WIN** for the brewery because it draws in more customers;
- \$ WIN** for Rotarians and their friends because it's a fun event:
- \$ WIN** for the children of the world as we continue to make headway in eradication polio.

**Miscellaneous** –

- Remember to snap a pic of your vax card and email it to Mike Tranfaglia – he is collecting them to submit to SMCC.
- Thank you to Jack Roberts for securing Bug Light stamps that we can use to stamp visitors' lighthouse passports when they visit Bug Light.



**Football Pool Results** –

- 🏈 Week 7 – Three people had only two misses in week 7: President Dave, Phil Dube and Mike Tranfaglia. Dave was the closest to Monday night's low-scoring game.
- 🏈 Week 8 – Several people had 9 correct picks but the tie-breaker this week was Mike T! He was actually able to retrieve his trophy from Bags at the meeting!



**Club Business** – This week's meeting was a club assembly in which we discuss club business.

- ✓ Donations – Recently our club has given away:
  - \$** \$950 for Hannaford etc. gift cards for the South Portland School Department to distribute to families in need.
  - \$** \$2,500 – Judy's Pantry.
  - \$** \$700 – South Portland Food Cupboard.



- ✓ Community Service (Tony) – we could ideally use 3 more drivers for morning pickups on Monday, Wednesday or Saturday. See Tony for more information or if you're interested.
- ✓ Club Administration (Mike T) - Catherine Callahan is helping to coordinate social activities for the club for our 4<sup>th</sup> meeting/non-meeting of the month – please let her and/or Mike T know if you have suggestions or want to get involved in planning special meetings.
- ✓ Membership (Laurenz) – Committee is meeting to discuss member engagement and retention.
- ✓ WinterFest (Patty) – Plans are progressing for a fun event.
- ✓ Trees (Jim B) – You've seen the sign-up. If you lost the email, you can access it directly from the club website. If you are not comfortable working on the tree lot, please contact Jim since there are other ways you can participate.



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