

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

October 13, 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:

October 16, 2-5 – “Pints for Polio” at Fore River Brewing Company - \$1 from every beverage will be donated to PolioPlus. *Thank you Matt McAleney for arranging this!*

October 20 – Timothy Matheney, SP Superintendent of Schools. On Zoom.

October 22 (5-7 p.m.) and October 23 (9-noon) – PhotoArt sale (Dick Sawyer) fundraiser at South Portland Food Cupboard

October 23, 9:30 – District “International Café” – on Zoom

October 26, 7 p.m. – Board Meeting

October 27 – No Meeting

October 28, 5:30-7:30 – Food delivery unloading at South Portland Food Cupboard (only need about 10 people)

November 3 – Club Assembly. Tentative hybrid meeting at 107 Preble Hall, SMCC

November 20 (Saturday) – Tree Lot Setup

November 26 (Friday) – 1st Tree Unloading & Sales begin!

January 28-29 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS

October 13 – Kathy Cotter shared a quote from L.R. Knost:

“Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.”

October 20 – Ellie Speh

We have no signups for November and beyond. Please sign up for the opening words duty at this [link](#) or on the club website in the Members Only drop-down menu.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Bob Danielson (October 15)*

 *Phil Dube (October 28)*

Congratulations to John LoBosco's niece Mikala (sp?) who came in 64th among the women in the Boston Marathon!

Thank you to Phil and President Dave who cleaned out our club locker at Purpoodock on Wednesday. The locker is now in the fire barn but will be moved to SMCC near our meeting room at 107 Preble Hall.

Guests this week: *We had two guests this week: Regan St. Pierre and Kiley Wilkens*



Hoot! Hoot! – A little bird was a big hit at our first hybrid meeting this week. Most of us had never heard of an Owl before but it's a 360-degree microphone, camera and speaker system with tracking software that allows it to move towards whoever is speaking in the room. Those who attended were very impressed and the board will be deliberating a potential purchase of one for our club, as well as a computer. For this week's meeting, we borrowed from District Governor Dick Hall – *thanks so much, Dick!* Since this was a test meeting and we don't have our own equipment yet, next week's meeting will be via Zoom and there is no meeting the following week. But we are tentatively scheduled to start meeting regularly at SMCC on November 3. (Btw, club members who attended at SMCC reported that the food was great!)

And the Winner is... – Seven people had 12 correct picks this week and I’m printing all seven names since after coming in at the bottom of the heap the first 4 weeks, I was finally one of the leaders (which means I can start trash-talking!):

- 🍷 Ellie Speh
- 🍷 Nancy Hawes
- 🍷 Tom Meyers
- 🍷 Bob Danielson
- 🍷 Mike McGovern
- 🍷 Peter Bennett
- 🍷 John LoBosco

And somehow he intuited that the Monday night game would go to overtime and have a high score so Peter Bennett guessed the closest in the tiebreaker – congratulations, Peter! And Ellie is now the season leader, taking over from Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y (I sense a lawsuit in the works, watch out Ellie!)

Reminders:

- ❖ Saturday afternoon Fore River Brewing will be offering “Pints for Polio” (\$1 to PolioPlus for every drink purchased between 2 and 5). Matt McAleney informs us that in addition to outdoor seating, there is spacious indoor seating that would allow for ample social distancing.
- ❖ Please send Mike Tranfaglia a copy of your vaccination card if you have not already done so.
- ❖ Consider “vaxing it forward” by making a donation to PolioPlus when you get your COVID booster or flu shot.

Pope Preserve Progress – Our speaker this week was Dan Hogan, the person responsible for turning the “pocket park” next to the Mill Creek Hannaford from this:



Into this:



Dan's first task (after finding out from the city and the Nature Conservancy what he was allowed to do and not to do) was to smother the Japanese knotweed with discarded carpets that he retrieved from "dumpster diving."



Then he enlisted the help of his family and our club to dig up the roots of the knotweed and to plant 9 trees and some juniper shrubs.



This was followed by two more planting sessions to increase the variety of plants. Despite the spring tides later washing away many of those plants, native grasses now flourish in the park. Dan expressed his profound gratitude to our club because mentioning the Rotary club support helped open the door for him with other donors. He also mentioned the many hours that Catherine Callahan donated to the project. The park now gets a lot of use from Hannaford employees and people who live and work in the neighborhood. I don't know if those of you at SMCC were able to see the chats, but our guest Kiley posted that she and her dog walk through the park every day!

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