

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

October 6, 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 13 – Dan Hogan, The Pope Preserve (*the pocket park by Hannaford*) – 5 Years Later

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

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 20 (Saturday) – Tree Lot Setup

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

January 28-29 – WinterFest!

OPENING WORDS

October 6- Tony Wagner shared some reasons that club members are Rotarians (collected from Visioning in 2010

October 13 – Kathy Cotter

Thank you to those who have signed up – if you have not had a turn in a while, 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

 *Aaron Matthews (October 12)*

 *Bob Danielson (October 15)*

Congratulations to the three people who had 10 correct picks in this week's football pool:

 *Ellie Speh*

 *Doug Schauf*

 *Bob Danielson*

And the tiebreaker winner was... Bob Danielson! Congratulations, Bob - and good luck prying the trophy out of Ray Healey!

Get well wishes to Laurenz whose foot is back in a cast again.

Guests this week: *Stephanie Speh popped in to say hello, she was tired from a day of playing golf with her dad; he claims he won.*

Representing us in the District – Multiple Names Past President Mike Geneseo has recently joined the District's very important Membership Committee. And another Past President, Fran Bagdasarian, has recently agreed to be an Assistant Governor next July. Thanks to both for making your leadership skills available to the district!

The Rest of the Story – Last week's bulletin had a couple pictures from the Food Cupboard which showed a sign reading "The Sybil" on the side of the building. I asked Tony what that was all about and here's what he said: "We have coolers inside named for long time volunteers, and the management thought the building should be named for her. We had a ceremony there last month on the 24th anniversary of SPFC and Sybil was there. We did an official unveiling which brought her to tears."

Moving to our New Digs! – At next week’s meeting, we are going to practice holding a hybrid meeting with a few people onsite at our new location at SMCC, and the rest of us on Zoom (including our speaker). If you would like to be one of the onsite guinea pigs, please let President Dave know by Monday so he can give a head count to SMCC. And remember that you must have your vax card (and a mask) with you, and we ALL need to send Mike Tranfaglia a copy of our vax card.

Rotary Focusing on the Environment – Applicants for Foundation grants have to indicate which of the six areas of focus their grant addresses. While grants in other areas (e.g. Water and Sanitation, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Economic and Community Development) may address improving our environment, until now it has not been possible to apply for a grant whose main purpose is to support the environment. Supporting the Environment has been added as a 7th official Area of Focus for our Rotary Foundation. Sue Sturtevant gave us some background this week about how this effort started back in 1991 when RI President Paolo Costa created a “Preserving the Planet” Subcommittee. Recent RI President Ian Riseley was a big champion of the environment and he shepherded the Environment Area of Focus into being. For people who are avid enthusiasts on this topic, there is a Rotarian Action Group (RAG) dedicated to this also – the Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG).

And speaking of the environment, here’s a photo that Nicole Albert took on her trip to the North Woods last weekend!



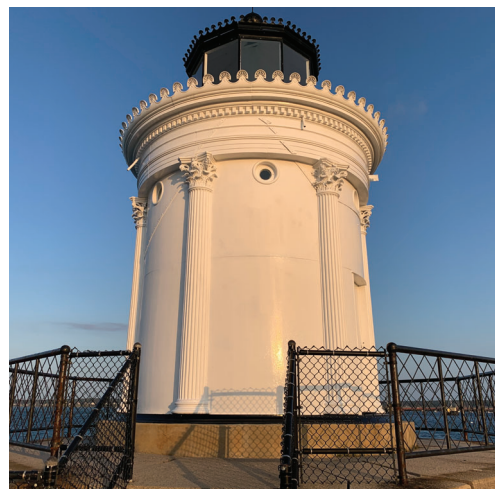
It’s Not Even Halloween but Time to Think about Trees Anyway! – President-Elect and Tree Sale Chair Jim Britt filled us in on some of the planning that has gone into this year’s tree sale.

- 🌲 Our goal is \$115,000 in sales revenue.
- 🌲 Our prices will be slightly higher – since our tree costs are slightly higher.
- 🌲 We have ordered 2,110 trees and 600 wreaths.
- 🌲 Club members will be asked to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours (similar to prior years) but the shifts are only two hours long.
- 🌲 The lot will be laid out similar to last year and we will be using the iPad to enter sales (via Shopify).
- 🌲 We will continue to have curbside pickup of advance orders, but we will be tweaking the curbside procedures/setup.
- 🌲 We will once again have sales to Long Island, and we’re adding Great Diamond Island this year. Please let Matt McAleney know if you have any connections on Cliff or Peaks Islands.

Nicole is not the only club member who has been traveling – look what Scott & Nancy Irving found on their trip to California!



Last week you read about the painting that took place at Bug Light recently. Here's our shiny new lighthouse – along with a “before” photo (a long time before – 1988 to be exact!)



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