

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 15, 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:

September 22 – No meeting (monthly bye)

September 23, 5:30-7:30 – Service Project - Unloading at SP Food Cupboard. More details to come (I think).

September 28 (Tuesday) – Board meeting

September 29 – Speaker on the Pipeline Corridor

September 29 – Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 following club meeting.

October 6 – Jim Britt, 2021 Christmas Tree Sale

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

OPENING WORDS

September 15 – Patty Sprague read an Onondaga thanksgiving message from the book Braiding Sweetgrass.

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 Frank Butterworth (October 1)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Becca Geneseo (October 3 - 15 years!)

Thank you to everyone who helped at Bug Light for the Car Show:

- Bill Anderson
- Bev Altenburg
- Michele Danois
- Sarah Fisher
- David Lourie
- Matt McAleney
- Adrienne Murphy
- Sue Sturtevant
- Tony Wagner

And helping out for "Open" Lighthouse Day were

- Nicole Albert
- Sue Sturtevant
- Adrienne Murphy
- Bill Anderson
- Matt McAleney
- Tony Wagner
- Michele Danois
- Sarah Fisher
- Jack & Shari Roberts
- David Lourie
- Kaitlyn Estes
- Aaron Matthews
- Brent Wilson

(Note that both lighthouse events consisted of masked docents making presentations outside the lighthouse.)

Thank you also to everyone who helped at Gull Crest on Saturday (I don't have a report of the participants yet).

Thank you to Dan Davidson who has been enriching our club's internal fund for years with his tradition of donating a happy dollar for every year of marriage to Edie - this year's donation was \$59!

We Have a Winner! – The first 2021 football season winner with 10 correct picks (no easy feat!) was Matt “Big Mac” McAleney. This means that he will have the opportunity to live with the Yorkie trophy it for a week, an experience that Commissioner Emeritus Chuck describes as “transformational.” So far we have 25 participants in the pool, which will raise \$1,250 for polio eradication - \$3,750 when combined with the Gates match! It’s not too late for the rest - you can join at any point in the season for a shot at this transformational experience!

\$26.83 Richer! – I received an email saying our club had earned \$26.83 this quarter thanks to club members making their Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile – thanks to everyone who uses this feature *which costs us nothing!*

Learning About our Indigenous Neighbors – Each year our district selects an international outreach team to do an exchange with another part of the world (old-timers, I mean more experienced Rotarians, will remember that this replaced the Group Study Exchange teams). Due to the COVID travel restrictions in place last fall, DG Peggy Belanger chose an exchange closer to home – i.e. the First Nations people of Canada and Maine. Unfortunately the team’s meetings have still been via Zoom. The team that was chosen last December included:

- * Jud Knox, York (Team leader)
- * Lucy Abbot, Bethel
- * George Klauber, Bridgton – Lake Region
- * Brenda Pollock, Biddeford – Saco
- * Chris Hamilton, Damariscotta – Newcastle
- * Michele Bois-Gilbody, Freeport
- * Richard Campbell, Portland
- * Patty Sprague, SP-CE

And DG Peggy has joined the team now that her DG stint has concluded. George and Brenda joined our meeting this week.

Patty described the team’s work of discovering as much as they could about our Wabanaki neighbors, the “people of the Dawnland.” Another phase of their team’s charge is to form partnerships with the Wabanaki peoples such that Rotary can be of service to them in a respectful manner. Patty’s slides referenced several resources that she highly recommends, so if you’re interested in learning more, please contact Patty for suggestions.



Bob's September Rotary Magazine Quiz –

1. Our International President Shekhar Mehta has called attention to what event in September?
 - a. Saving Lives
 - b. Engineering in Girls's Schools
 - c. Literacy**
 - d. Education in India

2. How many Rotary clubs are there in Seoul, Korea?
 - a. 38
 - b. 100**
 - c. 74
 - d. 56

3. How many conventions are held annually in Las Vegas?
 - a. Only a few, as it competes with gambling
 - b. 7,200
 - c. 487
 - d. 22,000**

4. What percentage of Rotary clubs held online meetings in 2020?
 - a. 59%
 - b. 18%
 - c. 75%**
 - d. 41%

5. And as a bonus question, what is a "cruciverbalist?"
 - a. A verbal Christian speaker
 - b. A California tour guide
 - c. A Greek having expertise with mythology
 - d. A person skilled in solving crossword puzzles**

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