

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 22, 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 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 – Tom Saviello (No CMP 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

October 20 – Timothy Matheney, South Portland Schools Superintendent

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Frank Butterworth (October 1)

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

Congratulations to Phil “Scooby” Dube, who won the cherished title of SP-CE Rotary Football Pool Week 2 winner. He tied with Mike “Transcendent” Tranfaglia with 11 correct picks (how was that possible!) but Phil had the closest pick for total points in the Monday night game. It’s not too late to join the 25 people who are currently playing - email Commissioner Jim Britt if you’d like to join the fun!

GOLD STARS FOR ALL! – Helping to haul the “extremely heavy lumber $\frac{3}{4}$ mile through the woods” at Gull Crest on September 11 were:

- ★ Tom Hamerski
- ★ Phil Dube
- ★ Brent Wilson
- ★ Tony Wagner

Tony described it as “arm and back-breaking work, not to be repeated in the near future!”

More Hands On Rotarians (submitted by Tony) – **Tom Meyers, Jack Roberts and Tony Wagner**, along with Honorary Rotarian **Dave Langdon** (from Falmouth; you may remember him from our lobsterbake) installed a new deck on the ground floor of Bug Light. The work and travel took over 6 hours. Major planning was done by Dave, Tony and **Mark Leasure** who provided engineering design and drawings. The project is complete and the place is now far safer and looks extremely orderly. **Marc Mutty** is working up a cabinet for storage of materials.

Recent Community and Youth Service Expenditures – Our board recently authorized donations to these projects:

- ❖ Donation of \$1,100 to South Portland High School for yoga classes. This is for a program aimed at a certain population of students. *(I couldn’t tell from the minutes exactly which students but maybe someone will fill us in?)*
- ❖ Donation of \$2,500 to South Portland Fire Department Outreach project. This involves a van purchased by grant money to be used in the field by substance abuse counselors. However the grant money did not cover supplies and materials so our donation covered a substantial amount of those costs.

Pope Preserve Preview – Our speaker on October 13 will be Dan Hogan from the Friends of Pope Preserve. They had a full-page ad in the Sentry last week which includes a picture of the work party our club participated in a few years ago (“Hand-to-Hand Combat with Japanese Knotweed Removal”). They also thank their Financial Donors, the first of which is:

“Cape Elizabeth/South Portland Rotary - \$2,000 – Tom Meyers – We consider the Rotarians to be our Seminal Sponsor. Tom helped secure the first significant donation to get the project started and allowed us to buy the infrastructure trees and first round of native shrubs. In addition, over a dozen Rotarians showed up on

a Saturday along with neighbors and my family to rip up the first section of carpeting that was used to smother the knotweed and to pull up the root systems. They truly gave me the lift I needed to know this might actually work.”

Also listed among vendors offering a discount is Callahan & LeBleu Landscape Architects.

More on Bug Light – In addition to all the volunteer work being done at Bug Light, the club also paid to have the lighthouse painted. Sue Sturtevant caught them in the act when she was tending our gardens at Bug Light this week.



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