

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 29, 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 2, 10-2 – Food drive to benefit South Portland Food Cupboard at Maine Mall (Jordan Furniture side of the mall)

October 6 – Jim Britt, 2021 Christmas Tree Sale

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

October 16 – “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 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)

OPENING WORDS

September 29 – Ellie Speh’s audio connection was cut off before she was able to finish, but here’s what she was reading to us from Albert Schweitzer:

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”





October 6- Tony Wagner

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

-  Frank Butterworth (October 1)
-  Betty Egner (October 7 - a big one!)
-  Brent Wilson (October 9)
-  Aaron Matthews (October 12)

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

October Rotaversaries:

-  Jim Britt - 8 years
-  Nancy Irving - 11 years
-  Mike Tranfaglia - 12 years
-  Sybil Riemensnider - 13 years
-  Nancy Hawes - 30 years
-  Mike McGovern - 35 years
-  Tony Wagner - 39 years

Congratulations to Bill York and Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y who both had 12 correct picks in the football pool last week, but there can only be one winner and it is...**Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y!!!**

Guests this week: Alicia Girard, a former member of the Biddeford-Saco club.

Where's the Meeting? – All club members should have received Club Administration Director Mike Tranfaglia's email about the move to SMCC, the vaccination and masking requirements at SMCC and the delay of the tentative launch until sometime in November. Key takeaways from the board discussion were:

1. Meetings must be hybrid and the club will purchase whatever equipment is necessary to make that happen, and
2. Flexibility is key – we will not rush into anything if we don't feel that it's safe.

Community Service Updates – Last week's bulletin mentioned a donation for a yoga class but I was unclear as to who it would help. Our Community Services director Tony filled me in that it will benefit people in the severely stressed adult immigration population.

I also mentioned that we were having Bug Light painted – here's a full report from Tony:

We hired a contractor to scrape, condition, prime and finish-coat rusted portions of the outside structure. Due to the scroll work on the light, it was a tedious job. As it turned out, due to fading we wound up finish-coating the entire outside, and a portion of the inside lower level.

During the work the Light was graffiti painted over a weekend on one section of the outside wall. Luckily work was still in process and we could prime and coat over it. Parks and Rec and City police were notified and patrols will be increased. Let's hope for the best.

The paint being used costs over \$100/gallon. It has outstanding UV protection, chemical and abrasion resistance, and is an excellent anti-graffiti coating. Overall project cost is in excess of \$2,000, which is another Club donation to the City and part of our ongoing commitment since 1988 under Jack Robert's leadership to keep the place looking good. This paint job should still look great for the Light's 150th anniversary in 2024. Our donation will be registered with the City at a regular meeting of the Council.

Tony reports that among all the service projects that our club was involved in during September, he estimates that we put in 140 hours of service time to the community!

The Other Side of the Question – We had a speaker this summer (Thorn Dickinson) who spoke in favor of the Clean Energy Corridor – i.e. “No” on Question #1. Since our club policy is to present both sides of election issues, this week we heard from Tom Saviello who spearheaded the petition drive for ballot Question #1. Tom zoomed into our meeting from Wilton, which he represented for 4 terms in the Maine House and 4 terms in the Maine Senate. Tom started out as a Democrat and then later served as a Republican. He was proud to say that, similarly, the supporters of Question #1 represent a wide spectrum of constituents, both conservative and liberal. In Mike McGovern's introduction, he noted that Tom had a long career as a forester with International Paper and now teaches as an associate professor at UMaine Farmington. Tom described the process that led to putting Question #1 on the ballot and noted that 22 of the towns that the power line would go through have withdrawn their initial support of the corridor.

Note that Tom's presentation was recorded upon request from members who could not attend so please let President Dave know if you would like to receive a link to it. We did not tape Mr. Dickinson's presentation but we have his powerpoint so if you're interested in seeing that, please let Jim Britt or Mike McGovern know.

Food Delivery – Thank you to everyone who helped unload pallets and process food at the South Portland Food Cupboard last Thursday. About 8 pallets of food were handled (roughly 4,000 pounds), provided by the USDA through Good Shepherd and Wayside. Helping unload were:

- ❖ Bev Altenburg
- ❖ Bill Anderson
- ❖ Dave Bagdasarian
- ❖ Tiffanie Bentley
- ❖ Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette
- ❖ Catherine Callahan
- ❖ Michele Danois
- ❖ Phil Dube
- ❖ Tom Hamerski
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ Scott Irving
- ❖ Aaron Matthews
- ❖ Anne Marie McCoubrey
- ❖ Dee Dee Wacksman
- ❖ Tony Wagner
- ❖ Jackie & Gene Wiggins





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