

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 8, 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 11, 4:00 – Gull Crest Trails project (**NOTE – POSTPONED FROM TODAY DUE TO RAIN**) To be followed by pizza and beer at Tony's house??

September 11, 9-3 – Maine Open-ish Lighthouse Day. Note that due to high COVID transmission and the confined space in the lighthouse, visitors will **NOT BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE LIGHTHOUSE**. We will still have docents on hand outside to inform visitors about the lighthouse.

September 12 – Opening day of SP-CE Rotary NFL Football Pool 2021 (picks due by 10 a.m. Sunday – Thursday games aren't included)

September 15 – Patty Sprague, Maine's Indigenous People

September 22 – No meeting. This is our monthly bye arising from the service opportunity "meeting" at Gull Crest.

September 28 (Tuesday) – Board meeting

September 29 – Club Assembly

OPENING WORDS

September 8 – Ellie Speh encouraged us to be joyful and to be thankful.

September 15 – Nancy Hawes

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

 Scott Irving - Sept. 9

 Sari Greene - Sept 11

And a belated happy 80th birthday to Judy Knupp on September 4!

Happy Anniversary to

 Bob & Alicia Danielson - Sept. 10

Congratulations to all Maine Women of Rotary, three of whom were spotlighted in the recent Maine Women Magazine.

Congratulations to our speaker a few months back Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans, who will be inducted into the U.S. Veterans Hall of Fame this fall.

Meeting in Person – Club members should have received an email from Club Administration Director Mike Tranfaglia about the proposal to meet at SMCC. The board will be voting on this proposal at its meeting on September 28. When asked why we were considering moving away from Purpoodock, President Dave reported that if we were to remain at Purpoodock, for much of the year we would be obliged to meet in the small dining room which was not deemed large enough to allow for adequate social distancing. Although Mike's email indicated a target date of October 6 for returning to in-person meetings, recent trends indicate that it may be later than that – SMCC is flexible and will allow us to start meeting there whenever we're ready.

Clarification of "In Person" – Of course once we return to meeting in person, we will want to retain our online meeting option. Please contact Mike G or Bags if you would be willing to help with developing the logistics of hybrid meetings.

Legalized Marijuana in Maine – Our speaker this week was Erik Gundersen, the Director of the Office of Marijuana Policy for the state of Maine. Erik was introduced by his fellow UMaine alumnus Mike McGovern, who informed us that Erik initially considered stand-up comedy but pursued an equivalent career, politics, instead. As a legislative aide he helped draft the state’s marijuana laws so it was natural that he be appointed to his current position in February, 2019. Erik made it clear that his office has no position pro or con wrt marijuana legalization; their function is simply to “ensure the health and safety of all Mainers by effectively and responsibly licensing and regulating marijuana establishments.” Erik summarized the differences between adult use (recreational) and medical use, including changes to the medical use program which have allowed it to be more competitive with adult use. He reviewed the numbers of existing marijuana establishments as well as those with pending license applications – we’re on track to have as many pot shops as Dunkin Donuts! He also showed us the growth in monthly revenue from adult use, which both generates tax revenue for the state as well as begins to make inroads on the illicit market.



Kickoff is Coming! – Thank you to Commissioner Jim Britt and Commissioner Emeritus Chuck Redman for reviving the Foundation Football Pool. See Jim’s emails for details on how to sign up – OR – if you find entering your picks online intimidating, you can email your picks to Jim. Similarly you can pay your \$50 entry fee of a donation to PolioPlus online, but if you prefer paying by check you can send your check to Nancy Hawes or to the club mailbox (Box 239, 50 Market St., Ste 1A, South Portland 04106). For any pool rookies, no football knowledge is actually required – you can pick winning teams based on fierceness of their mascot, color of their jerseys, how many players are vaccinated or any other scheme you come up with. It’s a WIN-WIN - lots of fun and 100% of the entry fees help to eradicate polio.



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

Go look at the Children's Garden at Fort Williams. In consideration of the \$22,500 that our club donated to creating the garden, they planted all of the fall flowers in Rotary blue and gold.



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