

## Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth April 19, 2023



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: April 26 – No Meeting

April 27 – Food processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

May 3 – Liz Trice, MTI MxG (Maine Accelerates Growth)

May 6, 4-7 p.m. – Barbecue at Pease Air Base to meet the pilots in the "Flight to End Polio!"

May 20 – SpringFest!! Join the countdown on the SpringFest website at spspringfest.com!

May 20 – 3rd Annual "Feeding Neighbors in Need" Benefit Concert (for SP Food Cupboard)

June 10 - District year-end Celebration, Bailey Island

July 19 – Lobster Bake

## May 3 Duties

Opening Words – Hamerski Raffle Gift – Sprague OWL Operation – *please sign up* 

#### May 10 Duties

Opening Words – Hanson Raffle Gift – Sturtevant OWL Operation – *please sign up*  **Opening Words** – Sari Greene shared this short and sweet message:



## What's New With Our Members

## Happy Birthday

- 🛎 John LoBosco (Apríl 21)
- 🛎 Joan Frustací (Apríl 27)

# Congratulations to Kathy Cotter who won a \$50 gift certificate to Scratch generously donated by Ellie Speh!

Get well soon, President Jim! And thanks to President-Elect Dan for running the meeting while Jim was under the weather.

<u>A Tradition Unlike Any Other – the Gold Jacket</u> – We welcomed back Commissioner Chuck Redman this week from wintering in Arizona (and then vacationing in Italia!). There were 32 participants in our annual football pool, which with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2 for 1 match, raised \$5,000 towards the eradication of polio. Chuck presented football gnomes to first-time football pool winners:

- Kathy Cotter
- Sari Greene
- John LoBosco
- Bob Knupp



Bob Danielson was presented a quasi-Yorkie trophy to Bob Danielson for having the highest number of correct picks in the course of the season.



But the coveted gold jacket AND the Yorkie Trophy went to Ray Healey for the most winning weeks in the season. Last year's winner Dave Bagdasarian was delighted to learn that while he had to pass on the trophy itself, he gets to keep the jacket!!





## SpringFest – Weekly Asks

- 1. Thank you Peter Bennett for agreeing to use your truck to pick up a Rotary tent from Yarmouth.
- 2. We need a border around the gnome village but it can't involve making holes in the ground (so something that can lay on top of the ground) anyone willing to be responsible for that?
- 3. Like last week, we are looking for groups to assemble gnome houses out of pre-made kits to populate the village. And a "group" can be ANY group it can be the ones you thought of first like scout troops, but it could be your own family, your book club any group, maybe even a Rotary club!

<u>Visioning Follow-up</u> – The members of the Post-Visioning Committee, which is actually called the Strategic Planning Committee, spoke to the club about their plans. The committee, which is a standing committee of the club, is chaired by Dave Bagdasarian. Other members of the committee are Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien, Mike Tranfaglia, Mike Geneseo and Tony Wagner. If you would like to join the committee, please let Bags know.

One of the tasks of the committee is to formulate a club mission statement. We apparently drafted one in 2015 but it's a little long and nobody remembers it. If you have suggestions about a mission statement for the club, please pass it along to any of the committee members.

There were 45 club members who filled out the Rotary Visioning Questionnaire (RVQ) and 29 who attended the in-person session. The overall consensus is that our club is already very successful but there are some areas on which we should focus more attention. The committee's job will be to sift through the many suggestions that were made in our Visioning session and make recommendations to the board regarding the most important and the most feasible areas to follow up on.

At the beginning of the session, we were asked what our Rotary passion is – Kiley wrote them all down but if you weren't there, please let her know what YOUR Rotary passion is! When she has them all, she will add that to the Visioning documents.

And speaking of documents you can find them by logging in to our club website and pulling down the "Members Only" dropdown menu on the right of the blue bar under the lighthouse picture. Click on "Vision" near the bottom.







## Answers to Bob's April Rotary Magazine Quiz:

- 1. April 19<sup>th</sup> is an important birthday for whom?
  - a. Kamala Harris
  - b. Franco Harris
  - c. Paul Harris
  - d. Phil Harris
- 2. Our General Secretary, John Hewko from Kyiv, rode in the recent El Tour deTucson which has been a Rotary event for over 14 years for polio. How much has been raised in that time?

## a. \$61.1 million

- b. \$14 million
- c. \$27.4 million
- d. \$34.3 million
- 3. In what year was the first spotting of the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland?
  - a. 1525
  - b. 1914
  - c. 1270
  - d. 565
- 4. The summer of 2021 was the warmest in Europe with a high of119 degrees in which country?
  - a. Sweden
  - b. Italy
  - c. Macedonia
  - d. Spain
  - e. Sicily
- 5. Bonus Question. Our puzzler Victor Fleming (distant relative of Ian) asks in 23 across, "barn babies" – 5 letters. What is the answer? FOALS

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