

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 26, 2023



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*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 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 10 – Tish Carr, WaYS (Wabanaki Youth in Science)

May 17 – Club Assembly to prepare for SpringFest!

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

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What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Joan Frustaci (April 27)

SPHS Interact Has Been Busy – And we know that because the Locker Project's April newsletter had this story about them:



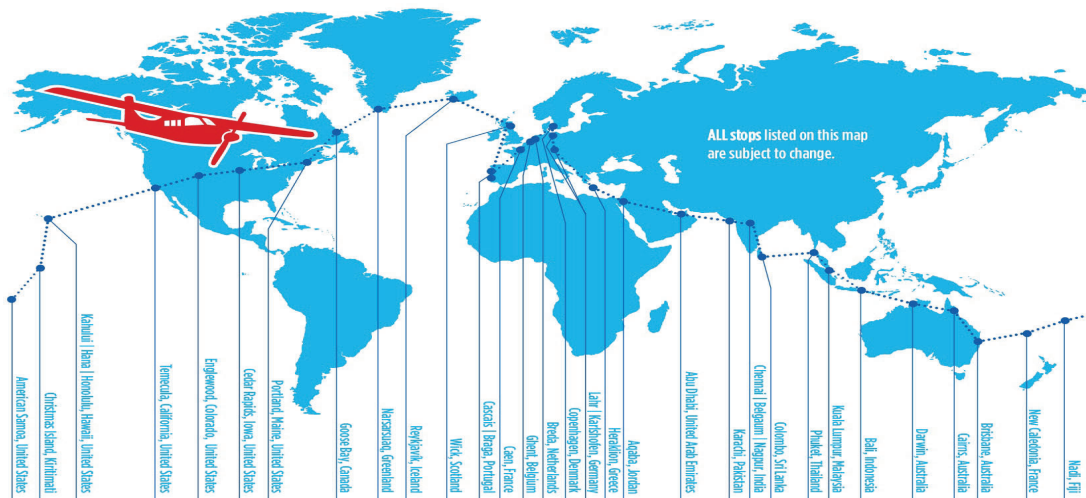
South Portland High

Twice a month, **Courtney** loads up the van and heads to South Portland High School for a fresh food event, and recently, a student group called the Interact Club has joined her. Club members have been helping to unload produce from the van, chatting with Courtney and with their peers about the fresh food available, and creating recipes for students and staff.

"Club members stop by the table throughout my time there to see if I need help and restock the table. These events are a great opportunity for kids to try things they have wanted to try or never thought to try--at no cost. One time I had pomegranates and they were a huge hit! I really enjoy getting to know the kids and witnessing how kind they are, sharing food with each other and the larger community."



Flight to End Polio – I wrote about this 2 weeks ago but since I don’t have much else to write about, I’ll repeat myself – the district is hosting a “hangar party” at Port City Air, Pease Air Base from 4-7 on Saturday, May 6 at which we can meet the two pilots (and see their plane) flying around the world to raise funds for polio eradication. Tickets are \$50pp for a barbecue dinner and musical entertainment – you can buy tickets on the district website.



Vet to Vet Maine – Continuing our long tradition of supporting veterans, our club agreed to sponsor a Vet to Vet Maine Veteran team last June. This is from an email that Bob Knupp recently received from Susan Gold, Executive Director of V2VME reporting on how that money was used:

“Gordon and Dave were selected and agreed to fill the role of the team sponsored by SP-CE Rotary. Since then, the two Veterans have enjoyed their time together, taking short trips, sharing stories, and bonding.

Gordon’s wife has benefited from the visits as well, which give her respite time to herself since she serves as Gordon’s fulltime caregiver. Vet to Vet Maine’s Caregivers Support Network has also supplied her with useful information on caregiver programs and other topics and linked her to others in V2VME who are caring for Veterans.

Just recently Dave picked up V2VME hats for Gordon and himself. Gordon’s wife reports that he looks forward to Dave’s visits.

Please share our deep gratitude to the members of the Rotary and update them on “their” Veteran Team.”

Spreading the Word – Not only are Sari and her crew spreading the word about SpringFest, even the gnomes have gotten involved. One of them was interviewed by WCLZ radio station on March 30. Most of the ones we have had visiting our meetings have been quite reticent but I guess they can occasionally be coaxed to offer their two cents.



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