

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 10, 2022



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ROTARY**

*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:

August 13 – Art in the Park! Mill Creek Park – please sign up online

August 15:

4:30ish – meet for BYO picnic at the Ft. William Picnic Shelter – please bring:

- ✓ your picnic supper
- ✓ a chair
- ✓ nonperishable food for the SP Food Cupboard (optional)

6:00 - Sounds by the Sea concert- The Katie Oberholtzer Septet – Ft Williams Bandstand

August 17 – Bill Dunn (Yarmouth Rotary) – Prosthetic Hands

August 24 – Club Assembly

August 25, 5:30 – 7:30 – South Portland Food Cupboard Donation Processing

September 7 (Wed) 4-7 – Bug Light Open House – please sign up online

September 10 (Sat) 9-3 –Open Lighthouse Day! – please sign up online

August 17 Duties

Opening Words – Wilkens-O'Brien
Raffle Gift – Hamerski
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*
OWL Operation – Mike Tranfaglia

August 24 Duties

Opening Words – Wilson
Raffle Gift – Hanson
Meeting Room Setup – Nancy Irving
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Tony could not be with us but he sent Jim some words about letting go of self-pity.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Joe Conroy - August 16
- 🍰 Stephanie Speh, who has a big one coming up on August 23!
- 🍰 Tony Wagner - August 24

Some BIG Anniversaries today and tomorrow:

- 🎂 Paul & Jan Butler - August 11 - 66 years!!
- 🎂 Dick & Priscilla Yerxa - August 11 - 60 years!!
- 🎂 Frank & Debbie Butterworth - August 12 - 50 years!!

Other upcoming anniversaries:

- 🎂 David Bagdasarian, Jr. & Megan - 5 years on August 19
- 🎂 John & Sue LoBosco - 36 years on August 31

August Rotaversaries:

- 🎂 David Bagdasarian, Jr. - 2 years
- 🎂 Sari Greene - 3 years
- 🎂 Katelyn Estes - 8 years
- 🎂 Michele Danois - 10 years
- 🎂 Chuck Redman - 13 years
- 🎂 John LoBosco - 17 years

Congratulations to Peter Bennett who won the raffle prize donated by Sari. He gets to choose from a selection of photos and Sari will order a metal print of it. The photos are from NorthernPointPhotos - it's the photographer who took the great photos of the fireworks at WinterFest!

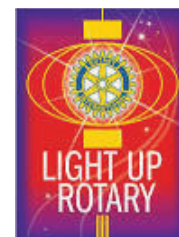
Congratulations to Tori Russell and Dan Hasday on their marriage on August 6! Tori is the daughter of the late Jim Russell who was our club president in 1997-98. Tori was active in Interact and even helped write the bulletin when Jim was the bulletin editor - because he couldn't type!



Guests – If anyone were taking attendance – which nobody is – guest and potential member Paul Smith from the Saco Bay Sunset Club would have better attendance than most of us!

A Note about the Owl – If you've been attending meetings recently, either in person or on Zoom, you've noticed that we've been having difficulty with the hybrid aspect and therefore the zoomers have been connecting via Jim's laptop. Scott (who is attending a wedding in Montana this week) assures us that the problem has not been with the Owl itself but with the classroom computer. This has theoretically been taken care of now but the password that used to be on the computer desktop somehow disappeared in the process. So thanks all you zoomers for your patience – we'll get there!

“Pin of Gratitude” (new name for the pin presentation!) – This week's theme pin went to... me! Because Jim said I'm "100% supportive" I try anyway. He also said that he's "lousy with pins" and encourages you to nominate the next pin recipient.



Reminders – Please go to the club website, or the link in emails you have received, to sign up for a myriad of opportunities – helping with club meetings (setup and Owl), Art in the Park, food cupboard, open lighthouses. We're a busy club and many hands make light work!

Other Ways You Can Help –

1. Dan McDonald is looking for volunteers for the 4 new tree sale subcommittees: Technology, Pricing, PR & Advertising, Enhancing the Customer Experience. If we're honest, we can all remember at some point working at the tree lot and commenting on how something could be done better. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** Don't just keep it to yourself – take part in making the tree sale the best it can be!!

2. The position of program chair is a calendar year position (so that things aren't left hanging on July 1) and John LoBosco's term is up on December 31. So he has two asks – one is that you help him (and the club) NOW by offering suggestions for interesting speakers. The second is that you consider asking John about the position (which he said takes 4-6 hours/month) and potentially replacing him when the time comes. Think about it!

Keeping Our Promise – Our speaker this week was our own Michael McGovern, Chair of Rotary's PolioPlus Committee, speaking about the history of Rotary's involvement in polio eradication and discussing where we stand today.



The Beginning – Back in 1987-88, Rotary set a goal of raising \$120 million for polio eradication. Our own club had a goal of \$25,000 which we exceeded, in part due to a \$15,000 donation from Tony Wagner's employer Betz Labs. And Rotary worldwide exceeded its goal also – almost doubling the goal by raising \$219,350,499 for PolioPlus that year.

Since Then – Rotarians have given over \$1 billion to polio eradication to date, and the Gates matches for those funds has been \$1,280,000,000 – the combined total of Rotary + Gates is over \$2.5 billion. In addition many governments throughout the world have contributed to polio eradication, making the total spent on polio eradication since 1987-88 over \$19 billion.

Where Are We Now? Mike pointed out the similarities between Covid-19 and polio, including the fluctuations in case numbers. Last year there were only 6 cases of wild polio virus, but this year there have been 20 so far – in the countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Mozambique.

Wild Polio vs Vaccine-Derived – Unlike in the US and many other countries where we receive polio inoculations with a shot of “killed” virus, the campaigns to eradicate polio in the vulnerable parts of the world involve oral drops containing the live polio virus. People receiving that vaccine can secrete the virus and if it's picked up by someone with no immunity, it can cause that person to have polio. Mike explained that a better vaccine has been developed to prevent this problem and it is currently being rolled out – expected to fully replace the previous version of the vaccine next year.

What's Going on in the US? In our country children get 3 polio shots before the age of 5. The public school system helps to ensure that this happens. However children who do not attend public school and are part of extreme religious communities may never receive polio inoculations. This is what happened to the young man in New York state. And we read in this morning's news that something similar is going on in London. All the more reason to keep going and get rid of polio – because we (Rotary) promised the world's children that we would.

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