

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

December 7, 2022



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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:

December 14 – Brenda Cressey – Polio Awareness and Developments

December 22 (note this is a THURSDAY) – potluck Holiday Party at the Lions Clubhouse

December 28 – No Meeting – enjoy the holidays!

January 3 – RYLA Accepting applications.

January 4 – Patty Cormier, Maine Forest Service (SMCC dining hall closed)

December 14 Duties

Opening Words – Hawes

Raffle Gift – McCoubrey

Meeting Room Setup – *– please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Catherine Callahan put us in the winter mood with “White-Eyes” by Mary Oliver:

In winter all the singing is in the tops of the trees where the wind-bird
with its white eyes shoves and pushes among the branches.







Like any of us he wants to go to sleep, but he's restless—
he has an idea, and slowly it unfolds from under his beating wings
as long as he stays awake.

But his big, round music, after all, is too breathy to last.
So, it's over.

In the pine-crown he makes his nest, he's done all he can.
I don't know the name of this bird, I only imagine his glittering beak
tucked in a white wing while the clouds—
which he has summoned from the north—
which he has taught to be mild, and silent—
thicken, and begin to fall into the world below
like stars, or the feathers of some unimaginable bird that loves us,
that is asleep now, and silent—that has turned itself into snow.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

-  *Adrienne Murphy (12/8)*
-  *Katelyn Estes (12/8)*
-  *Tom Meyers (12/17)*
-  *Dave Bagdasarlian (12/19)*
-  *Ray Healey (12/23)*
-  *Rick Dobson (12/23)*
-  *Chris Speh (12/26)*
-  *Jim Britt (12/28)*
-  *Kathy Cotter (12/28)*
-  *Anne Swift-Kayatta (12/31)*

Happy Anniversary to

-  *Laurenz & Barbara Schmidt (12/18)*
-  *Dan & Shirley Mooers (12/31)*

Our condolences to Joanie Frustaci on the death of her father - we will miss hearing all the stories about him!

Congratulations to Football Pool winner Kathy Cotter!



Congratulations to Jeff Gabrielson for winning the raffle prize donated by Matt McAleney.

Congratulations to Presidential pin recipient Nicole Albert who received a pin encouraging us to Create Awareness & Take Action.



Guests – Jane Eberle joined us this week as a guest. Matt Best was with us also – he is actually now a member rather than a guest!

Election Results! – Since all positions were uncontested, of course all of the following were elected unanimously. We congratulate them and thank them for their willingness to serve our club. (Note that although Tom Hamerski was nominated as treasurer, he has since resigned that position.)

President – Dan McDonald (automatic)

President-Elect – Nancy Irving

Vice-President – Chris Speh

Treasurer – Tom Hamerski

Secretary – Kathy Cotter

Directors:

Matt McAleney

Kylie Wilkens-O'Brien

Mike Tranfaglia

Sari Greene

Tiffanie Bentley

Director-at-Large – Jim Britt (automatic)

Next Week – Note that due to the availability of the Lions Clubhouse, we are meeting there next THURSDAY (12/22) so no meeting on Wednesday the 21st. This will be a purely social event in the form of a potluck. Please feel free to bring guests with you. The Lions Clubhouse is at 1 Wheeler Road in Cape Elizabeth.

Another Meeting Note – Since we are tied to the SMCC calendar for our dinner before our regular meetings, please note that after this week, we will NOT be eating in the dining hall until January 18.

“Everything is Awful” – That sums up the mental health crises that we’ve seen manifested in the news recently. Our speaker this week was a “bad-ass social worker” who is part of the solution - our own Kiley Wilkens-O’Brien, whose one-year anniversary as a member happens next month. She informed us that 85% of people worldwide reported a decline in their emotional well-being as a result of the pandemic. And one in 5 adults experience mental illness every year. She described a crisis response framework that the state is endeavoring to provide:

- Someone to Talk to
- Someone to Respond
- Somewhere to Go

In response to the need for Someone to Talk to, this summer Maine launched the “988” Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. This is similar to 911 and will take the caller directly to a trained crisis counselor 24/7. Thank you Kiley for giving such an excellent and informative presentation on very short notice!



Visit to Santa – Tony Wagner reports that several members of our club picked up over 3,500 toys and children’s books from an anonymous donor in Saco on Saturday morning. Thank you to Ray Healey, Jeff Gabrielson, Paul Smith, Mary McGreehan and Tony’s friend Jaymie Chamberlain for loading the van that they borrowed from the South Portland Food Cupboard. Toys were partially distributed on Saturday to the Food Cupboard, Family Promise, Judy's Pantry, and St. Luke's Cathedral. The other half will be distributed Monday morning to So Po High and the SP Providers group through Gretchen McCloy.



Where in the World is Mike McGovern? Last weekend he was at a forum on immunizations held in Senegal and attended by health ministers from several African countries. Here he is with the President of Guinea Bissau (on the left) and the President of Senegal.



Tree Tidbits –

- 🌲 We have sold a lot of trees but still have a lot to sell.
- 🌲 iPads need to be kept warm to continue working. If the power gets down below 60%, plug it into a battery pack, which you can put in your pocket.
- 🌲 Please sign up for 12 hours worth of shifts.
- 🌲 Note that we will be open Tuesday, December 13 (normally we would be closed) in view of the storm this coming weekend.
- 🌲 We are scheduled to have live music on the lot the afternoon of December 17 (Saturday), weather permitting.
- 🌲 For those who remember Past President and Past District Governor Sam Giftos, his great grandson (son of Aaron Dulac) may hold the record of youngest tree customer when he visited the lot last week at one week of age!



Bob's December Quiz

1. Greeting cards are a big business. How big? How many cards are sold in the U.S. annually?
 - a. 850,000
 - b. 200 million
 - c. 6.5 billion
 - d. 2.7 billion
2. Germans are generous people. What is the average amount spent per person for Christmas gifts?
 - a. 280 Euros
 - b. 825 Euros
 - c. 495 Euros
 - d. 522 Euros
3. How many Rotaract members are there in Africa?
 - a. 14,650
 - b. 21,820
 - c. 31,324
 - d. 34,721
4. Who said "It's easy to make decisions when you know what your values are?"
 - a. Hank Williams
 - b. Brenda Lee
 - c. Jimmy Carter
 - d. Roy Disney
5. Bonus Question. Victor Fleming, the crossword guru of Rotary, has a very interesting puzzle this issue. What is the answer to 11 down which reads "Era that began in 1957?"

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