

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 1 & 8, 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:**

**February 14, 5:30** – District 7780 Midyear Leadership Dinner at Hannaford Hall, USM, followed by concert from 7-8. Dinner = \$40 pp; attendance at concert-only is free. See D7780 for more information and registration.

**February 15** – Shane Albert, Agri-Cycle Energy

**February 18, 5-7:30** – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner at Lions Clubhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, CE \$12 Adults, \$6 Children under 12. Dine-In all-you-can-eat, or Take Out. Contact [lionsclubceme@gmail.com](mailto:lionsclubceme@gmail.com) to reserve meals.

**February 22** – No Meeting

**February 23, 5:30 – 7:30** – South Portland Food Cupboard Food Processing

**March 1-10** – Maine Restaurant Week

**March 4, 5:45** – **FIREWORKS!** (Volunteers needed to help with parking – see signup email)

**March 4** – Next District 7780 “DISC Café” (International Service) on Zoom

**April 6** – Theater Night at Lyric Theater. Proceeds of the show “Curtains, the Musical Comedy Whodunit” will benefit the District 7780 Recovery Initiative.

### **February 15 Duties**

Opening Words – Dube  
Raffle Gift – Olshansky  
Meeting Room Setup – – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

### **March 1 Duties**

Opening Words – Gabrielson  
Raffle Gift – Redman  
Meeting Room Setup – – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – Albert

**Opening Words** – On the first day of Black History Month, Michele shared a portion of a speech by the late Rep. John Lewis, whom she had had the pleasure of meeting many years ago at a Peace Corps event.

At the February 8 meeting, President Jim spoke about the fast pace at which many of us are forced to work, and the importance of stopping to absorb the many wonderful things that we do individually, as a club and as part of Rotary International. Or as Dick Yerxa summed it up, “stop and smell the roses.”

### **What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to*

- 🍰 Nancy Irving - Feb. 13*
- 🍰 Anne Marie McCoubrey - also Feb. 13*
- 🍰 Laurenz Schmidt - Feb. 18*
- 🍰 David Lourie - Feb. 21*

*Happy Anniversary to Chuck & Melissa Redman (Feb 12 - 30 years!)*

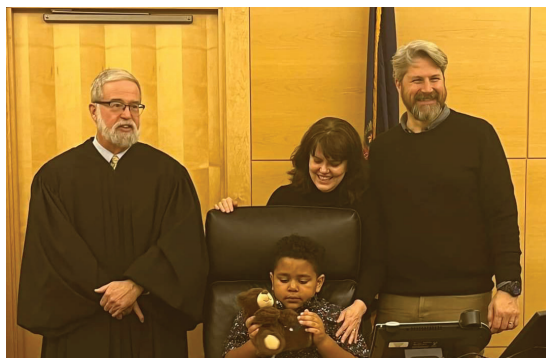
*Congratulations to raffle winners John LoBosco, Kathy Cotter and Tom Meyers. They won gifts to SoPo Seafood, Macy's and Dock's Seafood donated by Tom, Maryanne and Adrienne.*

*Congratulations to President Jim & his wife Gillian who will be presented the Key to the city of Portland, in observance of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Restaurant Week and its significant economic benefit to the city!*

*Get well wishes to Bob Hanson's wife as she recovers from surgery.*

*Congratulations to the Springfest fundraising committee who has secured over \$50,000 in sponsorships! The latest is a \$5,000 donation from Hannaford (in contradiction of their usual policy of not doing sponsorships), thanks to Sari and President Jim.*

*Congratulations to Mike & Becca Geneseo on the finalization of their adoption of Tre!!!!!!*



*Guests on February 1 – Catherine Dorrington, Jaymie Chamberlin (guest of Tony) and Sarah Lederer (guest of Kiley) and honorary member Dan Davidson*

**Meet Sue!** – You might already know that Sue Sturtevant was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and was once a Boston Patriots cheerleader, but what else do you know about her? Sue grew up in Bath and had her first appreciation of museums at age 10 at the Bowdoin Art Museum where she felt like she was walking right into a painting. Her most recent vocational experience has involved museums in Chicago, Santa Fe and Farmington, CT. But before getting her doctorate in Museum Studies from UMass and embarking on her museum career, she was:

- An art teacher at a childcare center in Philadelphia
- A newspaper reporter in upstate New York
- A shop teacher and later owner of a private school

Sue was a Rotarian in Connecticut and thanked Mike McGovern for sponsoring her into our club when she retired to Maine. She was president of our club in 2017-18 and introduced more art into Rotary as president – for instance one memorable meeting was at an art gallery surrounded by Dahlov Ipcar paintings. Sue summed up her feeling about museums: “Museums can make you feel like you fit in this world.”



**On the Road Again** – Our guest speaker on February 8, Emma Bodwell, had just come back from Colombia the night before, but drove over from Bridgton to meet with us in person. Emma is the chair of the District 7780 International Service Committee (DISC). She will become our District Governor in three years (i.e. July, 2025) so Jeremy Gould from the Freeport club, who also attended our club meeting, will be taking over as chair of that committee. The DISC meets every six weeks via Zoom. Their objectives are to:

- Promote district-wide awareness of all international projects
- Encourage Rotarians to get involved in activities with an international impact
- Maintain interactive website of projects and opportunities
- Assist clubs in identifying an International program
- Offer guidance and support in all international-related activities in the district

One of the international programs of our district is the International Outreach Program (the successor to Group Study Exchange and Vocational Training Teams) – these are the teams that Catherine Callahan (Bulgaria) and Patty Sprague (Indigenous Peoples) participated in. This year’s team will be going to Zambia (leaving on Feb. 24) and next year the team’s destination is Poland.

Emma originated the “DISC Cafes” on Saturday mornings – these interesting meetings are recorded on Vimeo so you can watch them whenever it’s convenient for you.



## **A PROUD PAPA!!**



### **ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE**

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#### **DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR**

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