

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
January 25, 2023**



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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:**

**February 1** – Sue Sturtevant – “Classification” Talk

**February 7, 7-8 p.m.** – Rotary Foundation 101 Basics for Club – District 7780 Zoom presentation  
(you should have received an email with the link – let me know if you need it)

**February 8** – Emma Bodwell, our District International Service Chair and District Governor for the  
year 2025-26

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

**July 19** – Lobsterbake!

**February 1 Duties**

Opening Words – Danois  
Raffle Gift – McGreehan & Meyers (a two-fer opportunity!)  
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

**February 8 Duties**

Opening Words – DeGennaro  
Raffle Gift – Murphy  
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

**Opening Words** – Bob Danielson quoted an excerpt from a speech by Ronald Reagan in 1964 that is known as “A Time for Choosing:”

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/reagans/ronald-reagan/time-choosing-speech-october-27-1964>

“We must reject the idea that every time a law’s broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.”

### *What’s New With Our Members*

*Happy Anniversary to Bob & Judy Knupp (1/30)*

*Thank you to Mike McGovern for organizing the video message from Jennifer Jones to our club!*

*Thank you to Bob Danielson for bringing in not one, but TWO new sponsors for Springfest - Gorham Savings Bank and M&T Bank!*

*Congratulations to Bill Lohrman who has retired from the employ of the US government and now works at Hannaford.*

*For long-time SPCE Rotarians - Matt McAleney reported that former members Hendrick & Annette Fischer visited Maine recently. They live in North Carolina now and have 3 children.*

*February Rotaversaries:*

- ☼ Marc Mutty - 24 years*
- ☼ Laurenz Schmidt - 32 years*
- ☼ Paul Butler - 49 years!*
- ☼ Bob Carson - 51 years!*
- ☼ Dan Mooers - 53 years!*

**PR, Anyone?** – Fran Bagdasarian has been wearing two hats this year – in addition to doing a very thorough job promoting our club in the media as our Visibility Co-Chair, she has been serving as an Assistant Governor in our district. As such, she serves as a liaison between District Governor Claudia Frost and our club, as well as the Portland and Falmouth clubs. She will be stepping down from the PR position on June 30 and is giving us plenty of notice to find someone to replace her. Please let her know if you have an interest in assuming this role next year. She can start working with you now to show you the ropes. She says that “I have organized a good schedule to follow with plenty of room for new and/or spontaneous submissions.” The best way to contact her is her email address at [fgbagdasarian@yahoo.com](mailto:fgbagdasarian@yahoo.com).

**Gnome Gnews** – Plans are underway for a community Gnome Drive – “Re-Home A Gnome” as Nicole came up with. Sari continues overseeing Springfest with her amazing organizational skills and will be continuing to do so as much as possible while traveling to Australia and New Zealand. Please consider signing up for one of the open Springfest volunteer roles.

**Maine Venture Fund** – Our new Program Chair Chris Sphe introduced Joe Powers, the managing director of the Maine Venture Fund. Joe is a Portland resident who got his BA from Middlebury and his MBA from the Tuck School of Business.



There are only ten states which have lower capital investment than Maine, which is why the Maine legislature created the Maine Venture Fund. Its purpose is to invest in Maine businesses with the potential for high growth, economic development (i.e. jobs) and/or public benefit. They invest in early stage companies in exchange for part ownership. Since 1997 the fund has invested over \$25 million in 80 Maine companies; it has a current portfolio of 30 companies employing over 600 Maine residents at above average salaries. One third of those companies are in a Maine heritage industry (farming, fishing, forestry). Here are some of the companies that the Maine Venture Fund has a stake in – some of the names will be familiar to you.

As a generalist fund, MVF has portfolio companies across many industries

MAINE VENTURE FUND

Joe Powers - Maine Venture Fund



Here's an amazing picture that Mike McGovern received documenting an Egyptian club's observance of World Polio Day!

### **Bob's January Rotary Magazine Quiz**

1. On page 2 of the January magazine is a picture of a skier atop an Alp in Austria. How do you think he should plan his way down?
  - a. Very carefully
  - b. Call a helicopter
  - c. Go backwards
  - d. Ask if it is fair to all concerned
2. What is the newest development of our Rotary magazine?
  - a. Waiver of annual audit requirement
  - b. More local features
  - c. Accepting advertising
  - d. Increased editorial content
3. As of result of our country's departure from Afghanistan, how many Afghans have been airlifted after the Taliban takeover?
  - a. 8,600
  - b. 68,500
  - c. 88,500
  - d. 107,500
4. How many cellphones are discarded annually in the United States?
  - a. 2.5 billion
  - b. 950,000
  - c. 100 million
  - d. Enough to fill 25 landfills
5. Bonus question. Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle has a clue at 64 across: "Community of interest." What is the 10-letter answer? Fellowship

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH  
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