

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

January 4, 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:

January 11 – A two-fer! Dan McDonald with a tree sale debrief and Liam Murphy on his Rotary Youth Exchange experience.

January 18 – No Meeting

January 25 – Joe Powers, Maine Venture Fund

February 1 – Katie Shorey, Maine Start-up and Create

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

January 11 Duties

Opening Words – Cotter

Raffle Gift – McGovern

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

January 18 Duties

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Raffle Gift – McGreehan

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

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Opening Words – I screwed up and didn't change Sarah Cary from the January 4 opening words duty (she had already provided opening words for December 14) – Jim Britt filled in with some words about effective leadership skills and being a leader in Rotary. (Editorial note - businesses pay lots of money to send their employees to leadership training courses; they should consider involvement in Rotary instead – it's an incredible training ground for leaders!)

What's New With Our Members

Thank you to Dan McDonald and Nancy Irving for leading this week's meeting while our President was attending the inauguration in Augusta.

Happy Birthday to


 *Chuck Redman (1/9)*

 *Jack Roberts (1/16)*

 *Hannah Olshansky (1/17)*

Happy Anniversary to Doug & Dana Schauf (1/21)

Happy Rotaversary to:

 *Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien (one year)*

 *Anne Marie McCoubrey (4 years)*

 *Rotary twins Nicole Albert & Mike Geneseo (6 years)*

 *Fran Bagdasarlian (8 years)*

 *Doug Schauf (10 years)*

 *Peter Bennett (11 years - includes his club in NH)*

 *Matt McAleney (23 years)*

 *Dan Davidson (41 years - includes club in Mass)*

 *Peter DeGennaro (43 years - includes another club)*

 **DICK YERXA - 61 YEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Congratulations to Jeff Gabrielson on winning the Nonesuch Books gift certificate donated by Dan McDonald.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the holiday party - Mike Tranfaglia, Kiley & Sam Wilkens-O'Brien, Kathy Cotter, as well as everyone who helped with clean-up!

Thank you to Sari Greene for all her efforts on the Business Breakfast which unfortunately had to be cancelled.

From the Commissioner – With the Monday night game now cancelled, we will go back to the results as of Sunday night, which means Ray and Adrienne are the weekly winners with 12 correct picks. Congratulations to you both!

Ray now has three weekly wins this season, which makes him the Pool leader! H E A L E Y!

One weekend left in the regular season, and with games on Saturday be sure you get your picks made on time!

Pickleball – Several members of our club play pickleball together – ALL ARE WELCOME! Their usual playing times are:

- Monday – 7-8:30 at Pond Cove Elementary School
- Thursday – 1:30 – 3 at Foreside Fitness & Tennis Club on Route 1 in Falmouth

Please let Dave Bagdasarian Sr. know if you're planning to play (they need to have a headcount).

The Best Position in the Club – I'm going to let you in on a little secret. I was treasurer of our club for over 10 years and it's the best position you can hold in our club because you know EVERYTHING that's going on in the club! It's an especially good way for new members to get to know all about our club. And it's pretty easy – mostly you just write checks, which is actually kind of cool since you feel more a part of all the good work that the club is doing. Nancy Irving is setting up a QuickBooks account for us so that the new treasurer won't even have to know anything about bookkeeping – and if you're not familiar with QB it's easy to learn and we'll help you. Please consider serving our club in this way and ask Nicole if you have any questions about the time commitment.

Honoring Janet Fiebert – Tony Wagner unveiled a plaque which will be installed at Bug Light this spring. The plaque recognizes Janet Fiebert, in whose memory her husband Eric made a \$5,000 donation towards the upkeep of Bug Light, which was a favorite place of hers.



Intro to Visioning – Our club will be holding a “Visioning” session on Saturday morning (8-noonish), April 1 at the South Portland Housing Authority. We’ll hear more about the process before then but basically we all contribute our dreams/visions for the club in various areas (membership, community involvement, etc.) and then we “vote” on the things that are most important to us. This information becomes the framework for a strategic plan that the board will attempt to follow. We did a first pass at this at our meeting this week, when Nancy Irving presented us with these questions (I think Jim actually came up with the questions?) and we all offered our thoughts.

- ✓ What have we accomplished so far?
- ✓ What can we do to improve hybrid meetings?
- ✓ What can we do to strengthen our meetings?
- ✓ How do we feel about our speakers – frequency? Quality?
- ✓ What can we do to improve our community engagement?

Tony was our scribe and wrote all the responses from club members – bottom line was that there were some helpful suggestions but in general everyone was pleased with our club, the way things are going and the ways that we’re helping our communities.



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