

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

July 27, 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 1 – Sounds by the Sea – Joan Kennedy Trio, Ft. Williams Bandstand

August 3 – Kate McCarty – Portland Food: The Culinary Capital of Maine

August 8 – Sounds by the Sea – The Katie Oberholtzer Septet – Ft. Williams Bandstand

August 13 – Art in the Park! Mill Creek Park

August 3 Duties

Opening Words – Wacksman

Raffle Gift – Geneseo

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – Mike Tranfaglia

August 10 Duties

Opening Words – Wagner

Raffle Gift – Greene

Meeting Room Setup – Dube

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Anne Swift-Kayatta provided a timely poem by Louis Jenkins called “July:”
Temperature in the upper seventies, a bit of a breeze. Great

cumulus clouds pass slowly through the summer sky like parade floats. And the slender grasses gather round you, pressing forward, with exaggerated deference, whispering, eager to catch a glimpse. It's your party after all. And it couldn't be more perfect. Yet there's a nagging thought: you don't really deserve all this attention, and that come October, there will be a price to pay.

What's New With Our Members

Our prayers and well wishes go out to Tim Butterworth who is in the ICU at Maine Medical Center. His mom reports that he is feeling discouraged and cards would be greatly appreciated:

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Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Catherine Callahan (July 30)*
- 🍰 Stephanie Speh, who has a big one coming up on August 23!*
- 🍰 Friday was Bob Carson's birthday and Dan Davidson & Tony Wagner visited him to celebrate!*



Happy Anniversary to Fran & Dave Bagdasarian (July 31)

Congratulations to Phil Dube who won some Vermont (!!) maple syrup donated by Jeff Gabrielson.

We said it last week but it bears repeating - thanks so much to Anne Swift-Kayatta and her crew for the fantastic lobsterbake last week!

Guests: We were joined this week by Marge Dugan and Paul Smith (2 weeks in a row) and Gene Wiggins.

Presidential Thank You – Last week President Jim presented a Rotary pin to Michele Danois in appreciation for all that she does for the children in South Portland who pass through her orbit. Jim plans to make this a weekly tradition and this week the honoree was Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien for her willingness to step onto the board so soon after joining Rotary, and for her ambitious plans for what we hope to accomplish in the area of Community Service in the upcoming year. She received a theme pin for 1998-99: "Follow Your Rotary Dream." That happened to be the year that our Rotary club had its first female president. Which brings me to:



Congratulations to Jennifer Jones!! – We finally – for the first time ever – have a woman leading Rotary International!!!! President Jim shared with us that one of her goals is to increase the number of women in Rotary leadership by 30% by 2023. We hope that this can be achieved!

MaineWorks! – John Bouchard, a member of the Saco Bay Rotary club, introduced Margo Walsh who founded MaineWorks. If you read President Jim's email inviting you to the meeting, you already know that MaineWorks is an innovative quasi-nonprofit staffing company funded by the Maine Recovery Fund. It offers employment to people who have challenges finding meaningful work: those who have been in jail, people in recovery and new Americans. Margo in turn introduced Wes Salvucci who is in the process of taking over leadership of the company. Margo and Wes described one of their most significant challenges – transporting workers to their job sites. They ended up paying Uber \$400,000 last year. They have been asking Rotarians to help by giving rides to their workers. If you volunteer as a driver, you can request gas money or mileage money. You can commit to as little as one ride per week. They currently have 15 Rotarians helping out but would love to have more. If you'd like to find out more, you can contact Christine Babb at info@mainerecoveryfund.org



Looking Ahead to SpringFest – It's only July but our SpringFest planners are already thinking about next year. And they even have a new theme – see if you can guess what it is:



Bob's August Quiz:

1. How many Rotary clubs are there in Denmark?
 - a) 327
 - b) 29
 - c) 244
 - d) 97
2. Martha Peak Helman is from Boothbay Harbor and is mentioned – why?
 - a) She is a schoolbus driver
 - b) She runs the local chamber of commerce
 - c) She is a Foundation trustee
 - d) She operates the harbor authority
3. How many acres in Greece were lost to wildfires in 2021?
 - a) 402,000
 - b) 287,000
 - c) 326,000
 - d) 12,125
4. How many crew members died on the Arizona warship at Pearl Harbor?
 - a) 627
 - b) 1,177
 - c) 892
 - d) 468
5. Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle clue for 32 across: "Surname of Radar in M.A.S.H." (7 letters)

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