

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 28, 2023



*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:

July 5 – No Meeting

July 12 – John LoBosco Classification Talk; Presentation of 2023-24 Club Budget

July 19 – Lobster Bake

July 22 – Tree rack repairs work party followed by BBQ

August 7 – Sounds by the Sea concert at Fort Williams Park – picnic shelter has been reserved for us!

August 22 – SP-CE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! We will be picnicking in the picnic shelter.

July 12 Duties

Opening Words – S. Irving

Raffle Gift – Wilson

July 19 Duties

Opening Words – LoBosco

Raffle Gift – Yerxa



What's New With Our Members

Congratulations to Interim President of SMCC Tiffanie Bentley!

Happy Birthday to

-  *Dan Davidson (June 30)*
-  *Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien - Canada Day (July 1)*
-  *Sue Sturtevant - USA Independence Day (July 4)*
-  *Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)*
-  *Bob Hansen (July 9)*

Happy Anniversary to

-  *Nancy & Scott Irving (June 30)*
-  *Joan & Joe Frustaci (July 6)*

Congratulations to ILAP's (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project) Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Dan McDonald!

Congratulations to Peter deGennaro on winning the raffle gift certificate to Taco Trio donated by Kylie!



Thank you to the crew who parked cars at Paint for Preservation to benefit the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust:

- ★ *Tony Wagner*
- ★ *Michele Danois*
- ★ *Nicole Albert*
- ★ *John LoBosco*
- ★ *And Mr. Funny in the Field Chuck Redman*

Thank you to Club Service chair Mike Tranfaglia for organizing our changeover dinner at the SMCC Dining Hall!

REMINDER – DUES ARE DUE!

Time to Weed! – Now that the sun has had a chance to poke through now and then, it's time to tackle the weeds that June's rain has nurtured. Our club has assumed responsibility for maintaining the gardens at

-  Bug Light Park at the entrance, and also facing the harbor, and at
-  Fort Williams next to the picnic shelter.

Weeding parties will be first thing in the morning (before it gets hot) and it helps if you can bring your own gardening tools. Please let Bev and/or Sue know if you have any interest and what your availability is so they can take that into consideration in scheduling the "parties."

The Story Behind the Gold Jacket – You may recall that last year’s changeover saw the presentation of a gold velvet jacket to Dave Bagdasarian in recognition of his winning the football pool. Since 100% of the football pool “entrance fee” goes to PolioPlus, where does the money for the trophy and the jackets come from? From the Commissioner. And he offered to present gold jackets to anyone who won the pool prior to last year but Mike Geneseo preferred to pass and requested that the jacket money go to PolioPlus. This is of course disappointing to all of us who were looking forward to seeing Mike MultipleNames don an elegant gold jacket... but the money is probably being put to a better use by PolioPlus! And thank you to Commissioner Redman for using your creativity (and funds) to keep the football pool interesting!

Out With the Old... Since this week’s meeting was the last one of the 2022-23 Rotary year, it was the final week with Jim Britt presiding before he turned the gavel over to Dan McDonald. Since Jim writes speeches for people for a living, he figured it was appropriate to write one for himself to summarize his year as president. He started off by saying that he viewed his presidency with “gratitude and immense pride.” Since it would take hours to recap everything our club did last year, he reported on the donations authorized by the Board on Tuesday (**\$27,000 total!!!**) as representative of all the good that our club does in our community (both locally and internationally).

- ❖ Boys & Girls Club – our donation will provide healthy meals at the South Portland clubhouse this summer.
- ❖ Connections for Kids – this is a mental health agency in SP serving children and families and offering an array of comprehensive services.
- ❖ Learning Works – our donation is targeted specifically towards their YouthBuild program which serves teens and young adults who have struggled to find their way in the traditional education system.
- ❖ South Portland High School – we have been providing ongoing assistance to SPHS as they address the needs of homeless students and their families.
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity – our donation will help support building projects in South Portland – we will be invited to participate in a service day this fall.
- ❖ WaYS – we had a program this spring which educated us about the Wabanaki Youth in Science program.
- ❖ Bridgton Lakes Region club global grant – Past President John Eliassen and future District Governor Emma Bodwell brought this grant to our attention which will fund an aquaponics project in Medellin, Colombia.

Wow! Jim summed up by describing our Rotary club as a family of kind-hearted individuals who lead by example, and serve as role models for our community. He expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity to serve – the gratitude goes both ways, Jim!



In With the New! – Our President-Elect (now President) Dan McDonald continued the theme by saying that it is a high honor to take over as president. He describes the footsteps he is following as “inspiring and challenging.” He described three reasons why he is pumped to be president of our club:

1. The Visioning Process which we initiated this spring brought fresh guidance and excitement.
2. The Board has approved the most aggressive charitable giving budget we have ever had – with an overall increase over this past year of 31% - total budget is over **\$125,000!!!!**
3. We have exciting new goals, especially in the area of membership.



Son Kelly McDonald, President Dan and "First Lady" Joan

Bob's June Quiz –

1. With a population of 18,000 the Republic of Palau is spread out over a number of islands. How many?
 - a. 12
 - b. 210
 - c. 410
 - d. 340
2. A club in Ireland is working to prevent traffic crash fatalities. How far does an average passenger vehicle travel after applying the brakes at 60 mph?
 - a. 127 feet
 - b. 260 feet
 - c. 225 feet
 - d. 280 feet
3. In Australia a local club worked with a distiller to produce a signature gin. How many bottles were produced?
 - a. 72
 - b. 150
 - c. 260
 - d. They lost count after the first and only tasting
4. Which of the following persons is NOT an annual photo award judge?
 - a. Maurizo Gambarini
 - b. Hsiu-Ming Lin
 - c. Paul Keenon
 - d. Chao-an Ling
 - e. Ed Zirkle

Bonus Question: Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle has a 5-letter clue for buckwheat porridge." What is it?

Please note the individuals who have served as officers, directors and committee chairs in the past year below AND who will serve in the upcoming year. Please let me know if I need to make corrections!

2022-23

Officers

President – Jim Britt
President-Elect – Dan McDonald
Vice-President – Nancy Irving
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Interim Treasurer – Nancy Irving

Directors

Club Administration – Mike Tranfaglia
Youth Services – Tiffanie Bentley & Sarah Fisher
Community Services – Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien
International Services/Foundation – Peter Bennett
Membership – Matt McAleney
Director-At-Large – Dave Bagdasarian

Committee Chairs

Visibility Co-Chairs – Fran Bagdasarian & Matt McAleney
Webmaster – Jim Britt & Scott Irving
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Program Chair – Chris Speh
Club Protection Officer – Bob Knupp

DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Claudia Frost, Rotary Club of Brunswick

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Jennifer Jones, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada

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Treasurer – *position open*

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Community Services – Sari Greene
International Services/Foundation – Hannah Olshansky
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