

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 7, 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:

June 14 – Marty Grohman, E2Tech

June 17 – Family Fun Day

June 20 – Board Meeting

June 21 – No Meeting

June 28 – Changeover! On SMCC Dining Hall patio (same as last year) – Signup sheet coming soon.

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

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.

June 14 Duties

Opening Words – Knupp

Raffle Gift – Wagner

June 28 Duties

Opening Words – Leasure

Raffle Gift – Wilkens-O'Brien

OPENING WORDS – Nancy Irving shared some thoughts about gratitude.

“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough,” – Oprah Winfrey

“When eating fruit, remember the one who planted the tree.” – Vietnamese proverb

“Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.” – Epicurus

What's New With Our Members


And speaking of gratitude, we are so grateful that Laurenz is finally on the mend and was able to join us on Zoom this week!

Happy Birthday to


 *Tiffanie Bentley (June 7)*

 *Bill Anderson (June 10)*

 *Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. (June 14)*

 *Bob Knupp (June 16)*

Happy Anniversary to

 *Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu (June 10)*

 *Jim & Gillian Britt (June 11)*

 *Peter & Judy Bennett (June 12)*

 *Anne & Bill Kayatta (June 17)*

 *Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)*

 *Bill & Diane York (June 19)*

 *Ellie & Chris Speh (June 21)*

Congratulations to Sari Greene who won a raffle prize donated by DeeDee Wacksman!

Congratulations to Mike Tranfaglia on his retirement!

Congratulations to Sam Wilkens-O'Brien, graduating from the Roux Institute with a master's degree on Friday.

And congratulations to ALL graduates!

Welcome back from your travels, Rupa!

And conversely, bon voyage to Jeff G as he and his entire family embark on a biking trip across northern Italy!

June Rotaversaries (not all with SP-CE)

- 🌀 *Paul Smith - 6 years*
- 🌀 *DeeDee Wacksman - 12 years*
- 🌀 *Scott Irving - 13 years*
- 🌀 *Bill Anderson - 18 years*

Thank You, Public Works! – Our club continued its longstanding tradition of showing some love to the folks who mow the grass in our parks, plow the streets and all kinds of other things that make our communities so pleasant to live in. Not to mention all their help with our events such as fireworks, the tree sale and SpringFest. On May 30 we hosted about 20 South Portland Public Works employees for a lunch at Willows. And today (June 8) we hosted a lunch for the Cape Elizabeth Public Works department. Helping out with the lunches were:

- ❖ Sari Greene
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien
- ❖ Tony Wagner

Family Fun Day – Thank you to Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. for stepping up to coordinate our club's fried dough sales at Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 17. You should be receiving a sign-up email shortly about working at our food trailer. The shifts will be:

- 9:30 – 12:30
- 12:30 – 3:30
- 3:30 – 6:30
- 6:30 – 8:30 (there will be music and fireworks in the evening)

This event is always a lot of fun so please consider helping out.

Congratulations to Us! – Although our club Foundation co-chairs kind of ignored the emails from the district about the Imagine Polio Challenge,* our club is being recognized anyway for our collective donations to PolioPlus. Congratulations to US! (I'll have more about this after we collect our certificate at the District Celebration on Saturday.)

**In our defense, the club already had a good thing going with the football pool (thank you Commissioner Chuck), the polio cans and the generosity of the club as well as individual members – we followed the rule of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!"*

SpringFest Debrief – Sari led the club in reviewing the events of SpringFest and asking us what we loved and what could be improved upon. She mentioned that it was estimated that about 3,500 people took part in SpringFest in some way. We had MANY sponsors (25 new ones!) and quite a few of them really enjoyed taking part in the gnome-themed activities. (And speaking of gnomes, we will be sticking with the gnome theme again next year.)

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| 43 North Bistro | Green Gnome Holistics | Richardson Monuments |
| Advisors Living (Real Estate) | Hamford Brothers | S Portland/CE Chamber |
| AFC Urgent Care | Harbor Fish | Sains and Sainsford Savings |
| Ainsworth Thalin and Reflice | High Tide Dental | Sea Dog Brewing |
| Bangor Savings Bank | Hobbs Funeral Home | Shopper's True Value |
| Bath Savings | Hour Glass Company | SoPoCo Works |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | Inn by the Sea | South Portland Housing |
| Caico Bay Eyecare | Jordan's Furniture | Spies for Less |
| Coldwell Banker | Key Bank | TA Napolitano Electrical Cont. |
| Conroy-Tully Funeral Home | Landing Real Estate | Taco Trio |
| Dead River | LK Planning | Tammaro |
| Delta Dental | Loranger Door and Window | Landscaping/Property Serv |
| Diamonds | Luke's Lobster | The April Cohen Team |
| DiPietro's Market Inc | McDonalds - Millcreek | The Sentries |
| Docks Seafood | Mill Creek Barber Shop | Town and Country FCU |
| Drillen Ace Hardware | Moody's Collision Centers | Trisano Waste Services |
| Edward Jones-Forest Ave | Norway Savings | TVK Construction |
| Edward Jones-Knightville | Noyes, Hall & Allen | Two Fat Cats |
| Embers Stoves and Fireplaces | Papa Auto Group | Two Lights Dental |
| Evergreen Federal Credit Union | Phil's Foreign Auto | US-Bayside Wealth Mgt |
| Evie's | Piper Shores | Vachon Agency |
| Five County Credit Union | PK Realty (Yard South) | Verbena |
| FoulMouthed Brewing | Play It Again Sports | Wicked Sharp |
| Gilbert & Schaab Investments | Port Harbor Marine | Willows Pizza Restaurant |
| Global Partners | Re/Max Realty | Yankee Ford |
| Gnome Landscapes | RESTORE Wellness | Yerxa's |
| Southam Savings Bank | | |

Due to her travel schedule, Sari will not be able to chair again next year. BUT she is writing a comprehensive step-by-step manual for whoever takes over from her, and she laid so much groundwork this year that it should be easier for whoever steps into her shoes. Her message for next year is that EVERYONE needs to be involved in some way. Please start thinking about how you would like to help out.



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