

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**March 1, 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:**

**March 1-10** – Maine Restaurant Week

**March 11, 6 p.m.** – postponed “Light up the Night Sky” fireworks celebration at Fort Williams

**March 15** – Deadline for completing Visioning Survey

**March 15** – Pre-Visioning Workshop

**March 22** – No Meeting

**March 23, 7 p.m.** – somewhere/elsewhere, at Westbrook Performing Arts Center

**March 29** – Patty Cormier, Maine Forest Service

**April 5** – Nancy Strojny, Maine SCORE

**April 1, 8-12** – Club Visioning at South Portland Housing Authority

**April 6** – Theater Night at Lyric Theater. Proceeds of the show “Curtains, the Musical Comedy Whodunit” will benefit the District 7780 Recovery Initiative. You can order tickets [here](#).

**April 15, 8-3** – District Training Assembly at Westbrook High School

### March 8 Duties

Opening Words – Egner  
Raffle Gift – Roberts  
Meeting Room Setup – – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – Wagner

### March 15 Duties

Opening Words – Estes  
Raffle Gift – Schauf  
Meeting Room Setup – – *please sign up*  
OWL Operation – Mike Tranfaglia

**Opening Words** – Jeff Gabrielson treated us to his singing and guitar playing of the song “My Peace” by Woody Guthrie (well, words by Woody, music by his son Arlo).

My peace, my peace is all I've got  
That I can give to you.  
My peace is all I've ever had, it's all I ever knew.  
I give my peace to green and black,  
To red and white and blue.  
My peace, my peace is all I've got  
That I can give to you.

My peace, my peace is all I've got  
It's all I've ever known.  
My peace is worth a thousand times more  
Than everything I own.  
I pass my peace around and around  
'cross hands of every hue.  
My peace, my peace is all I've got  
That I can give to you.



## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Dick Yerxa - March 5
- 🍰 Dan Mooers - March 11

Happy **GOLDEN** Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers - 50 years on March 9!

Congratulations to Kathy Cotter, who won an Amazon gift certificate donated by Chuck Redman.

Congratulations to Nancy Irving on her second (and final?) retirement - and bon voyage to Nancy & Scott as they head for California for the month of March.

We were so happy to hear that Diane Anderson and Bob Hansen's wife are both recovering well following recent hospitalizations.

Thank you to the crew who showed up in spite of Thursday's snowstorm to work at the Food Cupboard:

- ❖ Dick Yerxa
- ❖ Dave Bagdasarjian
- ❖ Tiffanie Bentley
- ❖ Paul Smith
- ❖ Peter Bennett
- ❖ Michele Danois
- ❖ Adrienne Murphy
- ❖ Brent Wilson
- ❖ Tony Wagner
- ❖ Jaymie Chamberlin
- ❖ Jeff Gabrielson

Rotaversaries:

- 🌀 Aaron Filieo - 2 years
- 🌀 Sue Sturtevant - 10 years
- 🌀 Anne Swift-Kayatta - 19 years
- 🌀 David Lourie - 28 years
- 🌀 Jeff Gabrielson - 28 years

Guests – We were joined once again by Bill York from the Isle of Wight. And Chris and Ellie Speh were with us IN PERSON!!!

**New Calendar Item** – The March 23 performance of somewhere/elsewhere is sponsored by Portland Ovations and features Kerem Durdag who was one of our speakers last year (speaking about GWI). The performance is a concert reading of a new pop-rock musical that immerses us in the migration, losses and triumphs of a contemporary Turkish immigrant to the U.S.

**Help Wanted** – Peter Bennett announced that the Food Cupboard is in need of drivers for Monday and Wednesday mornings – **only once a month**, from about 7-8:30 a.m. Please let Peter know if you're interested.

**Congratulations, Gaelyn!** - Rotarian Dan Davidson presented a Paul Harris Fellow recently to Gaelyn Davidson Hauser, eldest daughter of Dan & Edie, to honor her for her many “Service Above Self” efforts to contribute to and help others. Gaelyn works at the World Bank (but now lives in Greene, Maine, working remotely) helping people make the best use of Microsoft 365 tools to solve business problems. She has a background in system administration, information security, application deployment, change management, project management, and now product management.



**“I think we have just celebrated International Women’s Day – Emma was just great!”** – That was one of the chats on Zoom at this week’s meeting (from Patty) describing this week’s program. Emma Tiedemann is the Voice of the Sea Dogs, having joined them in March, 2020 – just in time to work from home! She came to the Sea Dogs from the Lexington Legends where she was honored as the South Atlantic League Media Relations Director of the Year. Prior to the Legends, she broadcast games for the Mat-Su Miners in Palmer, Alaska, the Medford (Oregon) Rogues and the St. Paul Saints. She was just the second female broadcaster in Minor League Baseball.

Emma credits her grandfather, who broadcast for the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers, for getting her into broadcasting. He invited her into the booth when she was 15 and put a headset on her. Today at age 97, he listens to all her games and even texts her during the game to make suggestions!

Emma was invited to speak to us so that we could hear what it was like for her to break into broadcasting as a female (some team owners refused to hire a female broadcaster), but also to share her secret of why she's so good. Turns out the secret is HARD WORK! Emma spends many hours studying the Sea Dogs players as well as their opponents and compiles a thick binder that she refers to during the game to give us her informative commentary.

Emma's ultimate goal is to be a radio announcer for major league baseball. Hopefully she fulfills that goal – but not too soon so that we can continue to enjoy her here!



*Emma demonstrating why she should get hazard pay!*

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

*All the answers were "C!"*

1. How much did the Rotary Club of Berry, Australia raise by climbing Mt. Cho Oyo in Nepal for End Polio Now?
  - a. \$575
  - b. \$325,000
  - c. \$200,000
  - d. Nothing – they did not get to the top
2. How many community theaters are there in the U.S.?
  - a. 675
  - b. 2,000
  - c. 6,000
  - d. 8,250

3. What are the key words for the Four Way Test?
  - a. Is, Fair, Build, Concern
  - b. True, Fair, Better, Beneficial
  - c. Truth, Fair Goodwill, Beneficial
  - d. Concerned, Fair, Goodwill, Beneficial
4. How many bicycles has World Bicycles Relief donated since its founding in 2005?
  - a. 48,000
  - b. 2,500
  - c. 85,000
  - d. 684,000

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