

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 29, 2023



**IMAGINE
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:

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

April 5 – Nancy Strojny, Maine SCORE

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 on our club website.

April 12 – Rachel Ohm, Portland Press Herald

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

Also on April 15 - Shredding Event and Food Drive at the SP Library 9am-Noon (to benefit SP Food Cupboard)

April 18 – Board meeting on Zoom; let Jim know if you’re not a board member but want to attend.

April 19 – Visioning Results

May 20 – 3rd Annual “Feeding Neighbors in Need” Benefit Concert (for SP Food Cupboard)

June 10 – District year-end Celebration, Bailey Island

July 19 – Lobster Bake

April 5 Duties

Opening Words – Dugan
Raffle Gift – Smith
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

April 12 Duties

Opening Words – Geneseo
Raffle Gift – C. Speh
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – President Jim quoted from Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle:

“Humility returns the center of gravity to the center. It addresses the ego clinging, which supplies oxygen to our suffering. It calls for a light grasp. For the opposite of clinging is not letting go but cherishing. This is the goal of the practice of humility. That having a “light grasp” on life prepares the way for cherishing what is right in front of us.”

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday

 *Mark Leasure (April 6)*

 *Ellie Speh (April 8)*

Happy Anniversary to these couples, married on the very same day (April 11) in 1970:

 *Dan & Joan McDonald*

 *Bill & Diane Anderson*

Congratulations to David Lourie who won a mystery prize to be donated by Laurenz Schmidt

It's Time to Vision! (is that a verb???) – Our club's Visioning session is THIS SATURDAY AT 8 a.m. Nancy Irving asks us to please plan to come by about 7:45 so that we can all get our coffee and pastries and be ready to start the meeting promptly at 8. We will be meeting at the South Portland Housing Authority office on 100 Waterman Drive, #101. (It's almost under the bridge – go past Yankee Ford and it's a brick building on your right. Other nearby landmarks are McDonald's, Foulmouthed Brewing and Kiley's house.) President Jim urges us to attend and “share wildly!”

This Month at the Food Cupboard – Thank you to these folks who helped out at our monthly work party at the South Portland Food Cupboard:

- ❖ Dick Yerxa
- ❖ Mary McGreehan
- ❖ Adrienne Murphy
- ❖ Jim Britt
- ❖ Kathy Cotter
- ❖ Tiffanie Bently
- ❖ Dave Bagdasarian
- ❖ Tony Wagner & his friend Jaymie Chamberlin
- ❖ Chris and Erin (friends of Brent Wilson)

Since there was such a good turnout (11), they were able to finish before 7 p.m!

SpringFest is Coming! – Sari Greene (back from Down Under!) reviewed all the activities associated with this year's SpringFest (see also the email she sent earlier this week). She will be asking for specific volunteers at each week's meeting. And she reported that the sales team is on fire!!

Maine Forests – Our speaker this week was Patty Cormier, Director of the Maine Forest Service (and a member of the Farmington Rotary Club). The Forest Service was created in 1891 and has 3 divisions:

- ❖ Forest Protection
- ❖ Forest Health & Monitoring
- ❖ Forest Policy & Management

The original intent of the Forest Service, and still a major focus, is fire protection. Last year there were 750 forest fires, with an average size of one acre. (We are fortunate not to have California's fire experience California since our forests are not as dry and they are made up of different trees.) Some of the many interesting things she told us:

- ✓ 89% of Maine is forested.
- ✓ 92% of Maine's forests are privately owned.
- ✓ 45% of working forestland is certified – we have one of the largest percentages of private land certification in the U.S.
- ✓ Maine is losing over 10,000 acres of forest/year.
- ✓ Maine's forests sequester 60% of emitted CO2 annually (75% when durable products are included).
- ✓ Our forests have a total economic impact of \$8.1 billion.



Birthday Boys – Dan Davidson shared photos of birthday get-togethers for Marc Mutty and for Paul Butler (a slightly belated 90th birthday celebration).



Career & Hiring Fairs – One of the Rotary “Avenues of Service” is Vocational Service. And in light of that, Tiffanie calls our attention to these opportunities for businesses to hire individuals as well as to teach people about their businesses.



SPHS CAREER FAIR

SUPPORTED BY:
SOUTH PORTLAND
CAPE ELIZABETH
COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MAY 10, 2023
9:45 - 12:00 PM
SPHS BEAL GYMNASIUM

SIGN UP HERE



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BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES

- NETWORKING WITH MAINE BUSINESSES
- SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS
- LEARNING ABOUT THE FUTURE WORKFORCE THROUGH MEETING WITH STUDENTS

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO MAINE BUSINESSES
- CONNECT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE TO THE WORKFORCE
- PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY WITH BUSINESSES FOR EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

The SPHS Career Fair presents an opportunity for students to connect and learn directly from employers like you. We are inviting you to be a guest business to offer insight to our students. This career fair represents business and education partnerships at their best..




SOUTH PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL HIRING FAIR

MAY 18

11AM-1PM

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO HIRE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR SEASONAL OR PART-TIME WORK? SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF OUR HIRING FAIR WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET STUDENTS, SHARE INFO AND ASSIST WITH APPLICATIONS.



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EMPLOYERS REGISTRATION:
<https://forms.gle/YS6EHR3Q2PPJ5YJN7>



Bob's April Rotary Magazine Quiz:

1. April 19th is an important birthday for whom?
 - a. Kamala Harris
 - b. Franco Harris
 - c. Paul Harris
 - d. Phil Harris
2. Our General Secretary, John Hewko from Kyiv, rode in the recent El Tour de Tucson which has been a Rotary event for over 14 years for polio. How much has been raised in that time?
 - a. \$61.1 million
 - b. \$14 million
 - c. \$27.4 million
 - d. \$34.3 million
3. In what year was the first spotting of the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland?
 - a. 1525
 - b. 1914
 - c. 1270
 - d. 565
4. The summer of 2021 was the warmest in Europe with a high of 119 degrees in which country?
 - a. Sweden
 - b. Italy
 - c. Macedonia
 - d. Spain
 - e. Sicily
5. Bonus Question. Our puzzler Victor Fleming (distant relative of Ian) asks in 23 across, "barn babies" – 5 letters. What is the answer?

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