

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 8, 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:

March 15 – Deadline for completing Visioning Survey

March 15 – Pre-Visioning Workshop

March 21 – Board meeting via Zoom – let President Jim know if you want to attend.

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 on our club website.

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

March 15 Duties

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

March 29 Duties

Opening Words – Filio
Raffle Gift – Schmidt
Meeting Room Setup – – *please sign up*
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Betty Egner is excited about the upcoming Oscars and in honor of the occasion, shared some quotes by actors/actresses:

“As you grow older, you will discover you have two hands--one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” Audrey Hepburn

“At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished, it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.” Denzel Washington

“There are no regrets in life. Just lessons.” Jennifer Aniston

“The only failure is not to try.” George Clooney

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!” Audrey Hepburn

“Words should be used as tools of communication and not as a substitute for action.” Mae West

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Dan McDonald - March 16*

 *Nancy Hawes - March 17*

 *Mike McGovern - March 17*

 *Paul Butler - March 18 - turning 90!*

 *Bev Altenburg - March 18*

 *Peter Bennett - March 23*

 *Marc Mutty - March 23*

Healing wishes to Laurenz as he is laid up for six weeks with a broken leg ☺

Congratulations to Jeff Gabrielson who won an Allen's Coffee Brandy snifter in the shape of Bug Light, courtesy of Jack Roberts.

And Jack was doubly generous - he donated a photo of Bug Light as a second raffle prize- won by Tom Meyers.

Guests – We had a half dozen guests join us specifically to hear our speaker, including Jennifer Cutshall, VP for Strategic Alliances & Advancement for Bigelow Labs. Also joining us were Jaymie Chamberlin and Bill York. And they're not guests but Chris and Ellie Speh were with us in person again before going home to North Carolina – but they'll be back to visit again in July.

International Women's Day – If you're not on Facebook, whether it's because your account was hacked or you just can't be bothered, this is what our club posted on Facebook this week: "This International Women's Day, we're celebrating all the awesome women in our Rotary, including these leaders. They are past presidents, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their vision, perseverance, and influence on fellow Rotarians and our community. From left to right are Nancy Hawes, Sue Sturtevant, Ellie Speh and Kathy Cotter."



SP-CE Rotary's FIRST TEN women presidents:

2018-19 Fran Bagdasarian
2017-18 Sue Sturtevant
2014-15 Kathy Cotter
2013-14 Ellie Speh
2011-12 Marge Barker
2009-10 Joan Frustaci
2008-09 Janet McLaughlin
2000-01 Katharine Ray
1999-00 Adrienne Murphy
1998-99 Nancy Hawes

A Note on Speakers – We've had some really great speakers lately, including this week's speaker below. Our program coordinator Chris Speh encourages us to send him ideas for topics or individuals that the club would be interested in hearing about.

Visioning – Don't forget to complete the survey you received by this coming Wednesday. And our meeting this week will prepare us for what to expect at the Visioning session on April 1.

Presidents-to-be – Dan McDonald just attended the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Massachusetts in preparation for leading our club in July. The featured speaker at PETS was Gordon McNally who will be President of Rotary International in July. This photo was taken by Mike McGovern who was also speaking at PETS.



Water Health and Humans – Our speaker this week was Dr. Rachel Sipler, a senior research scientist and Director of the Center for Water Health and Humans at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. She described the climate changes that we’re seeing in Maine:

- Increasing temperatures
- Increasing precipitation
- Changing land use
- Harmful algal blooms
- Pollutants

Her own research has included a focus on harmful algal blooms (HABs) or as she put it, “when good algae go bad.” HABs cost \$1.2 billion annually, a fourth of which is spent on drinking water treatment. In the Q&A, Rachel and Jennifer (see Guests above) talked about what Bigelow is (a bunch of “rogue scientists”) and does – outside-the-box thinking and experimentation on ways to heal our planet.



And here’s the pin she received from President Jim, who was so moved by her presentation that he gave her this pin rather than trade it to Kiley for the coveted Taco Rotary pin, but Kiley, being the good sport that she is, gave him the taco pin anyway (I think you had to be there).



Bob's March Rotary Magazine Quiz

1. The feature story is about Col Chris Kolenda's 1,700 mile bicycle ride to honor six deceased veterans under his command in Afghanistan. What kind of bike did he ride?
 - a. Schwinn
 - b. Yeti
 - c. Velotrix
 - d. Aethos Pro
2. What is the claim to fame of Clay Center, Kansas?
 - a. It is built entirely on clay.
 - b. It is known for its nearby ski slope made entirely of clay.
 - c. It is equidistant from NYC and LA.
 - d. It has the smallest active membership of any Rotary club in Kansas.
3. What year was the compound microscope invented?
 - a. 1904
 - b. 1590
 - c. 1848
 - d. 1770
4. The next RI President is Gordon McNally from South Queensferry, Scotland. What will be his theme?
 - a. World Peace
 - b. Single Malt Scotch for All
 - c. Rotary is Amazing
 - d. Create Hope
5. Bonus Question. Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle has this questions 40 across: "old boom box feature" (seven letters). What is it?

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND/CAPE ELIZABETH, MAINE

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