

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 10, 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:

May 17 – Club Assembly to prepare for SpringFest!

May 20 – SpringFest!! Join the countdown on the SpringFest website at spspringfest.com!

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

May 24 – “Classification” talk – Marge Dugan

May 25 – Food processing at South Portland Food Cupboard – see article below.

May 31 – No Meeting

June 10 – District year-end Celebration, Bailey Island

June 17 – Family Fun Day – we need a coordinator for our fried dough sales – this is just what it says – COORDINATOR – there are lots of people who will do all the heavy lifting.

July 19 – Lobster Bake



May 17 Duties

Opening Words – Hawes
Raffle Gift – Swift-Kayatta
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

May 24 Duties

Opening Words – H-E-A-L-E-Y
Raffle Gift – Tranfaglia
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Mike Geneseo (May 20)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia (May 19)





Continuing get well wishes to Sue Sturtevant who reports that as of yesterday (Friday) that she is finally starting to feel better - hooray!

Congratulations to Adrienne who drew her own ticket (!) to win a gift certificate to Highland Farms donated by Sue.

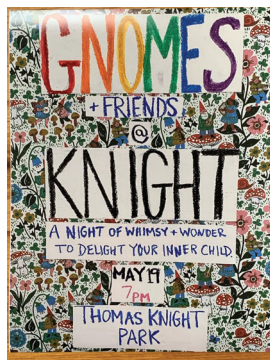
Congratulations to the South Portland High School Interact club with is up to ten students now! Hopefully this trajectory will continue!!

Congratulations to the JMG (Jobs for Maine Graduates) students at SPHS for all the front page attention their program received in the Sentry for their planning and assembly of the gnome home kits!

Guests – *We were joined by several members (along with Patty) of the District's Rotary Indigenous Partnership Committee:*

-  *Jud Knox (York), team leader*
-  *Past District Governor Peggy Belanger (Kennebunk Portside)*
-  *Lucy Abbott (Bethel)*
-  *Rich Campbell (Portland)*

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!! – Members of the club will have already received an email from Sari about the Gnome Discovery Search which has already started. If you didn't receive her email or didn't save it, you can always find the link at the SpringFest website: www.SPspringfest.com. You can also find information there about ALL of the SpringFest events.



On Friday (SpringFest Eve), SpringFest kicks off with Gnomes@Knight, the street party that Kiley has been planning. Like a true street party, some streets will be closed off and the party will take place at the park on the peninsula under the bridge. There are all kinds of fun things in the works:

- ★ Live bands
- ★ Food trucks
- ★ DJ
- ★ “Pitch the Pollinator” beanbag toss game
- ★ “Sow the Seed” game (beer pong on steroids)
- ★ Design your own gnome hat
- ★ And PRIZES!!

Then on Saturday, these events are taking place:

- ★ 8-11 – Gnome-licious Pancake Breakfast at SP Community Center (SPHS Football Fundraiser)
- ★ 9-12:30 – GnomeSport Junior Celtics Academy at SP Community Center
- ★ Best-in-Gnome Cornhole Tournament
- ★ Gnome Village Community Art Project (there is lots of excitement in the community about building the gnome homes!!)
- ★ SpringFest Community Celebration at Mill Creek Park

Congratulations once again to Sari and all her crew for all the preparation that has gone into making this a fabulous event not just to raise money for our charitable endeavors, but more importantly for bringing our communities together!

South Portland Food Cupboard – Tony receives weekly updates from Dwayne & Jim at the South Portland Food Cupboard and occasionally he forwards them to me so that I can pass on to you the increasing demands on SPFC, and the consequent need for volunteer assistance. This is from last Friday’s update:

This past week saw the highest number of recipients at the SPFC:
 Tuesday’s Distribution – 77 families
 Wednesday and Thursday’s Distribution – 95 families

Yes! We NEED your continued help and support

In addition to the monthly SP-CE Rotary work party at SPFC which Brent emails us about every month (next event is this coming Thursday), there are also other opportunities to volunteer if Thursday evenings don’t work for you. For instance I’m told that a few people help out on Friday mornings. Please contact Tony if you’d like to volunteer but need more information.

Wabanaki Youth in Science (WaYS) – Our speaker this week, introduced by Patty Sprague, was Tish Carr, Executive Director of Wabanaki Youth in Science. Tish has been with WaYS since 2014 and also teaches at SMCC. Of particular interest to SP-CE Rotarians was the fact that she teaches chainsaw safety to female landowners. (Maybe we'll ask her to come back in November!) But this week she spoke about WaYS' mission of integrating Wabanaki traditional cultural knowledge with technology and science. At the conclusion of her talk, Aaron Filieo explained to us that his students at Cape Elizabeth Middle School are currently engaged in the same type of "place-based education" that Tish described. They are doing this at Turkey Hill Farm and for example they have an ongoing ornithology project right now in which each student chooses a bird which they will be studying in depth through the end of this term. He echoed the concepts that Tish brought up of coexistence, community spirit and inter-relatedness. Thanks Patty for bringing this program to our attention!

Where in the World is Mike McGovern? *(When Mike was on the RI Board of Directors, the club played this fun game at the Bagdasarian home to learn about all the places Mike had been traveling to.)* This week Mike has been in Islamabad advocating for polio eradication. He met with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who told Mike and other Rotarians present that he would continue to personally monitor the efforts for elimination of polio from the country. He is also stepping up security for the women who administer the polio drops. Safe travels home, Mike!



Flight to End Polio – And speaking of polio, here's what's happening with the two pilots flying solo around the world in a single-engine plane to raise money for polio eradication. They had issues with the plane this week – a new alternator was installed at Pease but there were still mechanical issues so they flew to Long Island where a mechanic there was able to troubleshoot and fix the problem. They flew to Bangor yesterday and as I write this (Saturday morning) they are en route to Newfoundland and will continue to Iceland today, and then to Scotland tomorrow. I wish you all could have heard the inspiring talk these two dedicated guys gave about all the planning that went into this event and the setbacks they overcame. (And if you saw how small their plane is and consider that they will be flying it across the Pacific Ocean, you might conclude that these guys are crazy!) Anyway I hope all their mechanical issues are behind them – if you want to track their progress you can go to FlightAware and type in their aircraft number: N732WP. Mike says the Rotarians in Pakistan are eagerly awaiting the pilots' arrival in Karachi next month.



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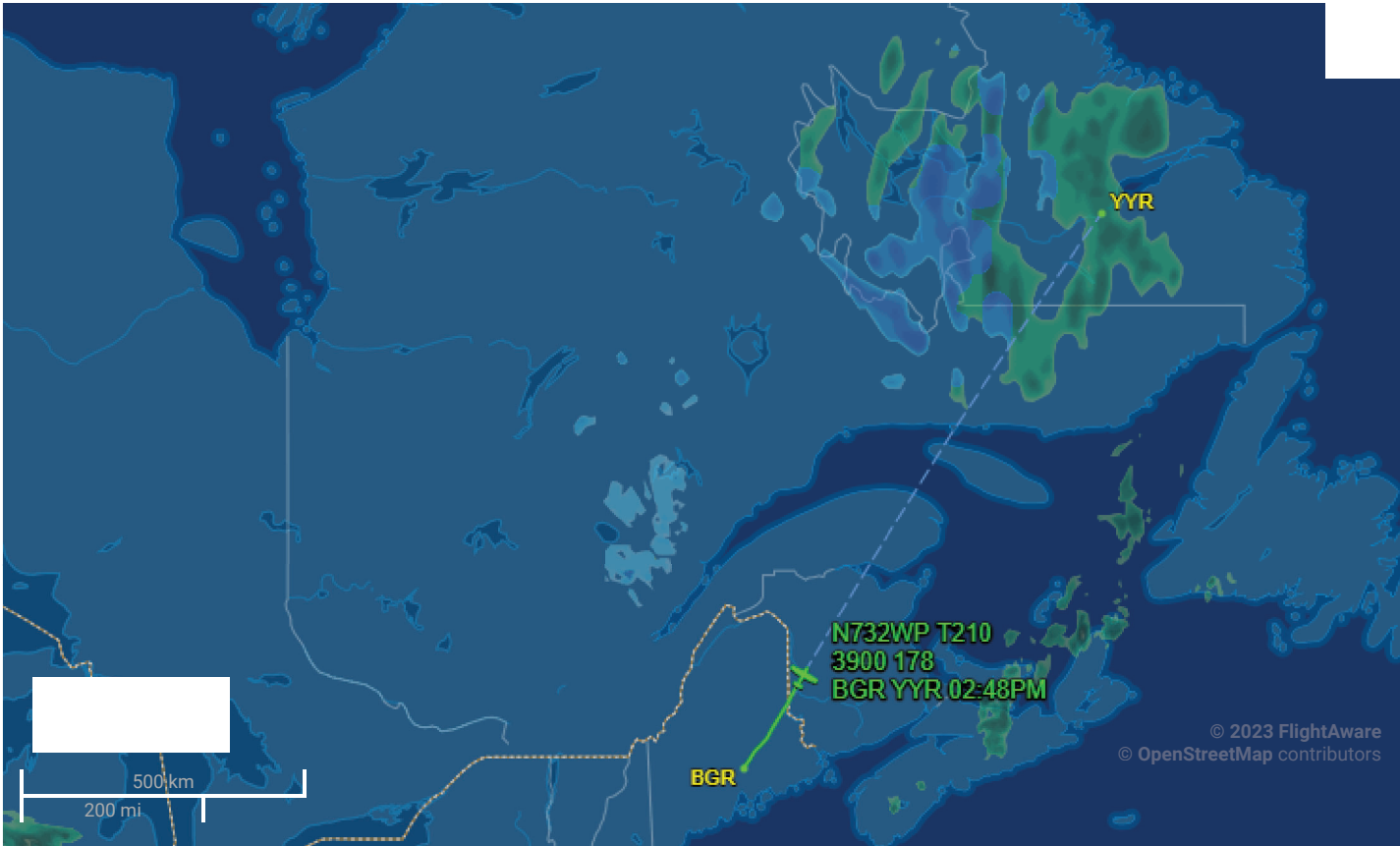
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Bob's May Rotary Magazine Quiz –

1. Gordon McNally from Scotland is the incoming RI President. What is his theme going to be?
 - a. Thrift is a Scottish tradition
 - b. Keep calm and carry on
 - c. Create hope in the world
 - d. Pour me a single malt
2. How many people perished in violent storms last year in Florida?
 - a. 379
 - b. 2,221
 - c. 822
 - d. 149
3. How many "food insecure" persons live in New Jersey?
 - a. 425,000
 - b. 657,000
 - c. 282,000
 - d. 1,240,000
4. What does the word "whanaugatana" mean in New Zealand (derived from the Maoris)
 - a. Companionship
 - b. Trust your neighbor
 - c. Gemutlichkeit
 - d. A sense of belonging

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