

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 17, 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 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 14 – Marty Grohman, E2Tech

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 24 Duties

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

June 7 Duties

Opening Words – N. Irving
Raffle Gift – Wacksman
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

🍰 Mike Geneseo (May 20)
🍰 Michele Danois (May 31)

Happy Anniversary to

👪 Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia (May 19)
👪 David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)
👪 Brent & Cat Wilson (June 6)

Congratulations to Jeff Gabrielson who won a gift certificate to Home Depot donated by Anne Swift-Kayatta

Congratulations to Chuck & Melissa Redman who gained a new daughter-in-law when their son James got married last weekend

THANK YOU to Nancy & Scott Irving who rescued the starving Rotarians who showed up to a closed dining hall - they made a run to Hannaford and DiPietro's and brought back nourishment!



Thank you President Jim for all the gnome Rotary pins that you had custom-made to distribute to all of us!



Guests – We were joined by Kim (didn't catch her last name!) who was a Rotarian in Columbia, Missouri for 15 years and now lives in Biddeford and works in Scarborough.

SPRINGFEST!!!

Our program this week was an overview of SpringFest provided by Sari, as well as details about Gnomes@Knight street party by Kiley. Sari announced that the sales team had raised over \$65,000 from 80 sponsors, a 40% increase over last year – AND we have 25 NEW sponsors! The amazing team responsible for all these donations were:

- 🌸 Tony Wagner
- 🌸 Bev Altenburg
- 🌸 Frank Butterworth
- 🌸 Bob Danielson
- 🌸 Dave Bagdasarian
- 🌸 Jim Britt
- 🌸 Bill Lohrman
- 🌸 Chris Speh
- 🌸 Peter Bennett
- 🌸 Ray Healey, and of course
- 🌸 Sari Greene



And special thanks go to **Hannah Olshansky** for keeping track of all the pledges.

Sari also thanked the SpringFest 23 Committee:

- 🌸 Nancy Irving
- 🌸 Scott Irving
- 🌸 Chris Speh
- 🌸 Ellie Speh
- 🌸 Dan McDonald
- 🌸 Adrienne Murphy
- 🌸 Tony Wagner
- 🌸 Bev Altenburg
- 🌸 Jenna Martyn-Fisher (city of SP)

Event Organizers:

- 🌸 Anne Swift-Kayatta
- 🌸 Sue Sturtevant
- 🌸 Kiley (& Sam) Wilkens-O'Brien
- 🌸 Kathy Cotter
- 🌸 Jim Britt
- 🌸 Dave Bagdasarian

PR Committee:

- 🌸 Fran Bagdasarian
- 🌸 Jim Britt



SpringFest is already underway with the Gnome Discovery Search (go to the SpringFest website at www.SPspringfest.com for information on downloading the app to play the game) – clues were written by a collaboration of Sari and Chatgpt!

The party starts in earnest with the street party at Thomas Knight Park (under the bridge) tomorrow night at 7, with Saturday events at the SP Community Center and Mill Creek Park. (See the SpringFest website or our club website for a rundown of all the numerous events!)

Some of our sponsors have been hard at work building gnome homes – these are from Ainsworth, Thelin & Raftice and Yerxa's. Hannaford employees have built a terrific grocery store called Gnomaford which you'll see in the gnome village (across from Bath Savings) when you come on Saturday.



Congratulations to Newest Paul Harris Fellow – Club member Dan Davidson recently presented a Paul Harris Fellow to his younger daughter, Meridan Zerner, to honor her for her many years of “Service Above Self” dedication to helping others. Dan and Edie had also recently presented their older daughter, Gaelyn, with a PHF (see 3/1/23 bulletin).



Meridan is an award-winning registered dietitian/nutritionist with 30+ years of experience, who has been with the renowned Cooper Clinic in Dallas for 23 years, working with patients and sharing her passion for nutrition through media segments and lectures across the country. She is a certified specialist in sports dietetics, focusing on weight management, exercise and sports nutrition. She is also a certified wellness coach and lead facilitator for Cooper Wellness Strategies, as well as a group exercise instructor and lecturer at Cooper Fitness Center.

Meridan received her Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University and Master of Nutritional Science with an emphasis in health promotion from the University of Oklahoma.

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