

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 24, 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:

June 7 – Surprise program

June 10 – District year-end Celebration, Bailey Island

June 14 – Marty Grohman, E2Tech

June 17 – Family Fun Day

June 21 – No Meeting

June 28 – Changeover! On SMCC Dining Hall patio (same as last year)

July 5 – No Meeting

July 12 – John LoBosco Classification Talk; Presentation of 2023-24 Club Budget

July 19 – Lobster Bake

June 7 Duties

Opening Words – N. Irving

Raffle Gift – Wacksman

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

June 14 Duties

Opening Words – Knupp
Raffle Gift – Wagner
OWL Operation – *please sign up*

OPENING WORDS – Ray Healey shared this with us:

“Given this time of year when thousands of students will be attending graduation ceremonies, I’m reminded of a commencement address by then New York Governor Mario Cuomo at Iona College that occurred 40 years ago. A speech that eloquently articulated Rotary’s commitment to Service Above Self.

Cuomo did not speak directly to the graduates, but instead spoke to their attending parents. In doing so, he asked them:

‘How can we tell these young people with confidence, the futility of spending their lives in the pursuit of the gathering of riches? That such an endeavor will not make them any happier or surer of themselves. That the closed circle of pure materialism is one in which aspirations become wants, wants become need and self-gratification becomes a bottomless pit.

How do we tell them that the most important thing in their lives will be their ability to believe in believing?

How do we tell them the philosophers St. Francis, Aristotle, Buddha, Muhammad, Maimonides all spoke the truth when they said, the way to serve yourself is to serve others, and the only way to assure happiness is to learn to give happiness.’

The message espoused by Cuomo is quite simple. That the only way to be fulfilled and happy is to give instead of trying to get. For in the long run it’s NOT the one who has much who is rich, but the one who gives much.”

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to


 Tiffanie Bentley (June 7)

 Bill Anderson (June 10)

Happy Anniversary to

 David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)

 Brent & Cat Wilson (June 6)

 Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu (June 10)

 Jim & Gillian Britt (June 11)

Congratulations to Dan McDonald, the winner of a gift certificate to Tostones Café courtesy of Mike Tranfaglia.

Get well wishes to Jessica Dobson (daughter-in-law of past president Rick), recovering from surgery.

Thank you Nicole Albert for being our Zoom administrator once again.

June Rotaversaries (not all with SP-CE)

- ❁ *Paul Smith - 6 years*
- ❁ *DeeDee Wacksman - 12 years*
- ❁ *Scott Irving - 13 years*
- ❁ *Bill Anderson - 18 years*

Guests – We were joined by overseas Zoomers Bill York and Mike McGovern. Mike is not actually a “guest” but he got the prize for being farthest away – he joined us from the RI Convention in Melbourne, Australia!

Club Business

- ❖ ***Supper*** – Note that the SMCC Dining Hall is currently closed so don’t plan to come early for dinner for the time being. Stay tuned to see what the summer plans are. There will DEFINITELY be a meal available on July 19 however courtesy of Anne Swift-Kayatta and her Lobster Bake team.
- ❖ ***Club Dues*** – the dues for the current Rotary year were \$185 per member over 30. Due to the healthy state of our internal budget, our Board voted to reduce the dues to \$180 for the upcoming Rotary year (July 1 – June 30). The club unanimously approved this proposal (and you should have received an invoice for this amount by now). Dues are waived for all members 30 and younger.

Where is Jennifer Jones? – President Jones has been filling us in on her whereabouts all year and Mike McGovern sent us pictorial proof of her presence at the RI Convention in Melbourne Australia for the past several days. She is shown here receiving recognition for serving as the RI Board Liaison to the International PolioPlus Committee.



Getting to Know Marge – Nancy Irving introduced her friend and neighbor Marge Dugan for her “classification talk.” Marge was meant to be a Rotarian since her grandfather, father mother and uncle were all Rotarians! Her claim to fame for SP-CE Rotary is that she has been friends with Sue LoBosco since they were 5 years old, and she introduced John and Sue!

Marge has a degree in nursing and works for Hospice of Southern Maine. Hospice serves about 250 people, mostly in their own homes – the nurses go where people need them. Marge’s responsibility is “directing the troops” and she loves what she does – she considers this a dream job. She was very complimentary of the staff at Hospice – “what a talented group of people we have.”

Like Rotary, Marge has an international bent – she participated in a Partners for World Health medical mission trip to Bangladesh where she taught 47 nurses at the National Cancer Research Hospital about end-of-life care.



A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!!!

What an amazing success SpringFest was!! From every way of measuring it:

- ★ Weather – the rain held off!
- ★ Financial – the event met its (ambitious) budget
- ★ Entertainment – great fun at Friday night’s party!
- ★ Fun for Kids – LOTS of games and activities for kids and they all seemed to be enjoying them
- ★ Fun for Adults – the cornhole tournament was a hit
- ★ Food for All – likewise the food trucks were a big hit
- ★ Community Engagement – so many organizations and businesses participated!
- ★ Adorableness – the gnome village was unbelievably cute!!

Thanks to Sari and Kiley for spearheading the events, as well as all their subcommittee chairs and the entire SpringFest crew. In addition to all the Rotarians mentioned in prior bulletins and in President Jim’s email, we don’t want to forget all the hard work of Rotarian-adjacent volunteers Jaymie Chamberlin, who spent many hours on the photo board for little gnomies to put their faces through, and to Eric Boutiette for doing anything and everything that was needed.





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