

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

November 30, 2022



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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:

December 1 – South Portland Food Cupboard Donation Processing (moved back a week due to Thanksgiving)

December 7 – Nikki Williams, The 211 Maine Program. Also election of officers for 2023-24

December 14 – Brenda Cressey – Polio Awareness and Developments

December 21 – *tentatively* a potluck Holiday Party at the Lions Club – stay tuned for confirmation and details.

December 28 – No Meeting – enjoy the holidays!

January 4 – Patty Cormier, Maine Forest Service

December 7 Duties

Opening Words – Callahan

Raffle Gift – McAleney

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

December 14 Duties

Opening Words – Cary

Raffle Gift – McCoubrey

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Frank Butterworth shared some words by Norman Vincent Peale:

The way to happiness: keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

🍰 Mike Tranfaglia (12/2)

🍰 Adrienne Murphy (12/8)

🍰 Katelyn Estes (12/8)

Congratulations to Football Pool winner Nancy Irving - the second winner this season who relied on random picks!

Congratulations to Bob Danielson on winning the raffle.

Congratulations to Paul Smith, the recipient of President Jim's presidential pin - "Making a Difference." Paul made a difference while on the tree lot by decorating one of the signs with wreaths.



December Rotaversaries:

🌀 Joan Frustaci - 19 years

🌀 Bob Hanson - 20 years (includes other clubs)

🌀 Frank Butterworth - 25 years

Guests – Bill York joined us from across the pond.

Business Breakfast Roundtable – Our club will be inviting local business owners to a free breakfast at the South Portland Community Center on Thursday, January 5. The SpringFest Committee is planning this event with the intention of bringing business leaders together to inform them about SpringFest and Rotary, but also as a starting point for working together with them to understand and address the needs of our communities. Sari has invitations and we are all asked to deliver them to business owners in SP and CE. Please contact Sari directly if you need invitations.

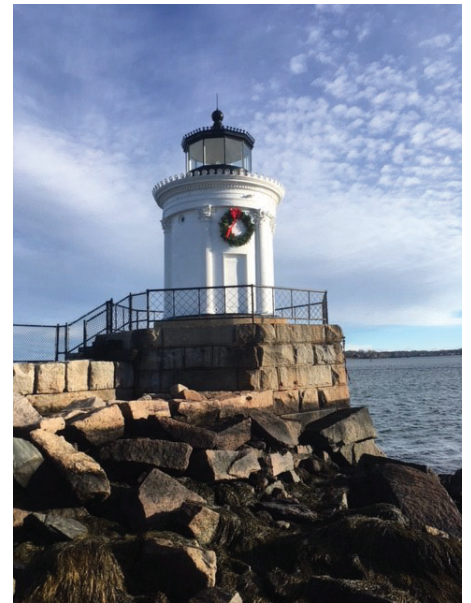
The Welcome Matt – Matt McAleney helped us welcome Matt Best into the club. Matt grew up in SP and was on the state championship football team in the 1990s (when Aaron Filieo was an assistant coach). He graduated from Fordham and while there learned his sense of service teaching literacy to children in homes for battered women, and student teaching in Bronx public schools. He manages several properties in the greater Portland area and works as a loan officer for Guild Mortgage in South Portland. He lives in Cape Elizabeth with his wife Sara and their 9-year-old daughter Millie. He is looking forward to being of service to the community he has always called home!



Queen of the Mist – DeeDee Wacksman stepped up to fill in for a program cancellation, and told us the tale of Annie Edson Taylor, the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, on October 24, 1901 at the age of 63. DeeDee used to live in Bay City, Michigan which is where Annie Taylor lived also, and that's how she became fascinated by Annie's story. DeeDee conducted thorough research about Annie Taylor and even gave her presentation dressed as Annie Taylor might have been. The barrel weighed 150 pounds and was 4 ½ feet high, with lots of padding and an anvil at the bottom to keep it vertical. Her intention in going over the falls was to become famous and raise enough money to support herself. Her trip over the falls was successful in that she lived, but unfortunately although it brought her a little bit of fame and fortune, it was not enough to support herself and other people profited from the adventure more than she did. Thank you DeeDee for sharing this fascinating story with us!



Decorating Bug Light – Thank you to Jack Roberts, Sam Wilkens-O'Brien and Tony Wagner for hanging the wreath at Bug Light.



ASSORTED TREE SALE PHOTOS



Marge, Tony and Sam helping to make repairs to the trailer.



Tom putting up one of the many spiffy new signs at the lot setup.



The Rotarians doing the heavy lifting were Scott, Ali (former member and Bev's stepdaughter) and Mike G (in back of Tiffanie at right)



Tiffanie did the all-important measuring!





Bob's November Quiz

1. How many career firefighters are there in the United States?
 - a. 2 million
 - b. 290,000
 - c. 958,000
 - d. 358,000
2. How many traffic deaths are there worldwide in a year?
 - a. 1.3 million
 - b. 2.1 million
 - c. 857,000
 - d. 425,000
3. What city will host the 2023 Rotary International Convention?
 - a. Auckland
 - b. Munich
 - c. Melbourne
 - d. Victoria
4. Stephanie Urchick has made a splash as a Rotarian in the McMurray, PA club. Why?
 - a. She reformed the PA election code
 - b. She put McMurray on the map
 - c. She has been selected as R.I.'s president for 2024-25
 - d. She found work in Pittsburgh, PA as a political consultant to John Fetterman
5. Bonus Questions. Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle has a clue for 4 down: "Program that sends unwanted e-mail." It is seven letters long. What is it? **spambot**

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