

# Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth November 2 & 9, 2022



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:**

- November 11 VETERANS DAY Thank you to all Veterans!!
- November 12 (8:30 til whenever it's done) Tree Trailer prep at Tony's house (11 Todd Rd, CE)
- November 16 Preparing for Tree Sale
- November 19 Tree Lot & Corral Setup
- November 23 Thanksgiving Eve No Meeting
- **November 25** 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Unloading & Tree Sale Starts!!
- November 30 Sarah Hansen, Greater Portland Landmarks
- December 1 South Portland Food Cupboard Donation Processing (moved back a week due to

Thanksgiving)

- December 7 Nikki Williams, The 211 Maine Program
- December 14 Brenda Cressey Polio Awareness and Developments

**November 16 Duties** 

Opening Words – Bentley Raffle Gift – Lourie Meeting Room Setup – Bentley OWL Operation – *please sign up* 

#### **November 30 Duties**

Opening Words – Butterworth Raffle Gift – Matthews Meeting Room Setup – OWL Operation – *please sign up* 

<u>Opening Words</u> – On November 2, Peter Bennett shared these words from Barack Obama: "We are reminded that in the fleeting time we have on earth, what matters is not wealth, status, power or fame, but rather how well we have loved and what small part that we have played in making the lives of other people better."

## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🛎 Nícole Albert (11/13)
- 🛎 Tom Hamerskí (11/26)

Hooray - Diane Anderson is home from the hospital!!

More good news - Frank Butterworth reports that Tim is recovering well from his recent surgery.

## Congratulations to raffle gift winners:

- \* Kathy Cotter won a DíMillo's gift certificate donated last week by Mark Leasure
- \* Thís week Jack Roberts won a Tostones Café gift certificate donated by John LoBosco.

Thank you to Kylie and Tiffanie for representing our club at "Trunk or Treat" at the South Portland Community Center.

<u>Guests</u> – Hannah was a guest on 11/2 but she was with us as a member on 11/9! Also joining us for rare in-person appearances on 11/2 were Jeff Gabrielson, Mark Leasure and Doug Schauf. Bill York joined us on 11/9, as did Hurricane Nicole!



<u>Welcome Hannah!!</u> – Hannah Olshansky was introduced by her sponsor Kylie Wilkens-O'Brien, who met Hannah when they were both attending Goucher College in Maryland. Hannah recently moved to South Portland where she is the Senior Director of Talent and People for CreateMe Technologies, LLC. Kylie convinced her that Rotary is a great way to make friends and become involved with the community (and it is!).



<u>Presidential Pins</u> – Last week Doug Schauf received a 2008-09 theme pin - "Make Dreams Real" because he fulfilled President Jim's dream of Doug attending a meeting in person! And this week a loon pin was awarded to Mark Leasure for his sense of humor.



<u>Food Cupboard</u> – Tony reported that the South Portland Food Cupboard needs someone to replace their driver for the first Monday of every month – it involves driving to Scarborough at 7 a.m. – approximately a 1 ½ hour commitment once a month. He also reported that they now have a second van so could use a few more drivers to drive that van.

#### Tree News!

- The tree sale website (rotarychristmastrees.com) is live, for customers to purchase their tree online (we have already sold trees!).
- Tree sale signups are also live for the trailer prep on Saturday, 11/12, lot setup on Saturday, 11/19, first tree unloading on Friday, 11/25 and tree sale shifts starting as soon as we have trees on 11/25. (But if you haven't signed up for the preparation activities, feel free to come help out anyway.)
- Be sure to come/log in to next week's meeting to learn/refresh your memory on all the particulars!
- We have blue hats with our club name and the Rotary logo for members to purchase for \$12 to keep your ears warm when you're selling trees (and to clearly identify you as a Rotarian).

**Football Winners** – Foundation Football pool winners for the past two weeks were:

- Solution October 29 Adrienne edged out Tom Meyers
- ✓ November 6 Mike Geneseo & Bob Knupp were the top scorers, however Bob's random picks yielded the exact score for the tie-breaker!

<u>Sleep Well, Garden!</u> – A few members of our club's Gardening Committee (Catherine Callahan with Bret LeBleu, Sue Sturtevant and Bob Knupp) put our garden at Bug Light "to bed" recently. Before you know it, it will be time for all of us to help "wake up" the garden in the spring. Thank you to the entire gardening committee for all their work at Bug Light and Fort Williams over the past summer!



**November 2 - OLLI** – Sue Sturtevant introduced our speaker last week, Donna Anderson, Director of USM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Donna also teaches a gardening class which is how Sue met her. OLLI at USM was formed in 1997 as a Senior College for adults to learn for fun and enrichment. In 2001 they were endowed by the Bernard Osher Foundation and became the first OLLI in the country. It is open to anyone over 50 for a membership fee of \$25/year. Course fees are very modest - \$50 for a 6-8 week course. There are no tests, no grades and no attendance requirements. Students can attend in person or via Zoom. OLLI at USM also offers clubs (special interest groups), day trips to museums, etc., and international group trips! DeeDee mentioned that she is currently taking two classes at OLLI and they are excellent!



<u>November 9 – Locker Project</u> – Tiffanie introduced this week's speaker, Kathryn Sargent, who has been Executive Director of The Locker Project since 2018. Kathryn described the beginnings of the Locker Project – a mom who brought in snacks for the other kids in her kid's class when she became aware that not all kids had snacks for snack time – to its evolution to a food pantry within schools that provides bags of groceries for students to take home to their families. (So far this year they have packed 20,000 bags of groceries!!) In recent years they have also added fresh food events and have expanded to Head Start families. She noted that they recently moved from Scarborough to a larger location (with a walk-in cooler that's triple the size) across from the new middle school site in South Portland. The Kaler School has fresh food events on Friday mornings at which our club has been invited to volunteer – it involves unloading the van, laying food out on tables and assisting the kids if they need help packing their bags. Please contact Kylie if you're interested in volunteering for this.

<u>Celebrating The Rotary Foundation!</u> – Several members of our club joined with Rotarians from around the district on November 4 at Halo at the Point to celebrate the work of our Rotary Foundation. Pictured celebrating with District Foundation Chair Dave Underhill are John and Sue LoBosco, Jim and Gillian Britt and Nancy and Scott Irving.







#### Answers to Bob's October Quiz

- 1. What percentage of Rotarians worldwide are satisfied with their ability to find new friends through Rotary?
  - a. 38%
  - b. 60%
  - c. 69%
  - <mark>d. 78%</mark>
- 2. What happened at the Interact Club in Honesdale, Pennsylvania?
  - a. It contracted with the criminally insane at the Waymart State Penitentiary.
  - b. It held a Purple Pinky fundraiser for PolioPlus.
  - c. It collaborated with West Sussex College in the U.K. to plant over 4,000 crocuses.
  - d. It held a largest pumpkin contest to raise money for PolioPlus.
- 3. What is Kinyarwanda?
  - a. The name of a skyscraper in Kenya.
  - b. The name of a large tribe in India.
  - c. A Rwandan language.
  - d. A stopping point on the Nile River.
- 4. Victor Fleming, the crossword guy, has an eight-letter clue for 41 down: "Stretch between order and delivery." What is it? LEADTIME

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