

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

October 19, 2022



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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:

October 20, 4:00 p.m. – “Spanning the Bridge” polio awareness event with Portland Rotary Club

October 22 – Pints “Against” Polio **WILL NOT OCCUR ON THIS DATE – HOPING TO
SCHEDULE FOR A LATER DATE**

October 26 – Leah McDonald, Preble Street Teen Services

October 27, 5:30 – Donation Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

October 27, 6-9 – Halloween After Dark at the Children’s Museum of Maine (21+ only). Tickets are \$25 and include festive elixirs, adult trick-or-treating, bat-tastic décor, silent horror films, glow stick dance party and more. Kylie will be there dressed as a witch – and Tom M says the exhibits are fun to play with!

November 2 – Donna Anderson, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USM

November 3, 5:30 – 7:30 – “Light on the Point” at SMCC Dining Hall, \$50/ticket

November 4, 5 p.m. – Rotary Foundation Celebration at Halo at the Point (Thompson’s Point)

November 5 – Chicken Dinner at Lions Clubhouse

October 26 Duties

Opening Words – D Bagdasarian, Jr.

Raffle Gift – Knupp

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

November 2 Duties

Opening Words – Bennett

Raffle Gift – Leasure

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Dave Bagdasarian (Sr.) shared some thoughts about autumn:

Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar!

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go!

Another fall, another turned page!!

What's New With Our Members

MY BAD! I MISSED SOME BIRTHDAYS!!! Belated birthday wishes to:

 Betty Egner - October 7

 Jeff Gabrielson - October 9

 Brent Wilson - October 9

Happy Birthday to Phil Dube (10/28)

Continuing get well wishes for Diane Anderson - fingers crossed she will be transitioning to a rehab facility soon.

Congratulations to lucky Sari who won the raffle gift of a biplane ride at Owl's Head courtesy of Bill Lohrman - wow!!

Guests – Bill York joined us on his phone and was able to see his old friend Dick collect the Yorkie (see below)!

This Week's Pin – President Jim presented Tom Meyers with a “Killing it with Kindness” pin for pitching in on short notice to open the fire barn for members of the Portland club (who were retrieving items they needed to prepare for the Foundation celebration on November 4 at Thompson's Point). And it turns out that the flag stands have gone missing – if you know where they are please let Tom know – he assures us there will be no repercussions!

Weeks 5 & 6 Football Winners – Chuck was dealing with post-booster blues so in his absence Jim announced that Phil Dube had won week 5 and for week 6 there were 4 people who had 9 correct picks but Dick Yerxa won the tiebreaker.



World Polio Day! – Monday (October 24) will be World Polio Day and SP-CE Rotary is all in on supporting polio eradication. Today (Thursday) at 4 many members of our club will be donning their red attire at joining the Portland club on the Casco Bay Bridge for “Bridging the Gap.” We had made tentative plans for “Pints Against Polio” on Saturday but this had been cancelled for the time being due to lack of confirmation from the brewery. Hopefully we will be able to schedule it for a later day. Our fellow Rotarian Mike McGovern is in Berlin this week attending the World Health Summit. At that meeting several government and non-profit representatives pledged a total of \$2.6 billion towards polio eradication to help fund the 2022-26 eradication strategy. This includes vaccinating 370 million children per year for the next 5 years as well as continuing disease surveillance in 50 countries. Some notable pledges include:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - \$1.2 billion
- United States - \$114 million
- Rotary International - \$150 million (i.e. \$50 million/year for the next 3 years – this will be matched 2:1 by Gates)



Gnome Hosts Wanted – Sari encourages anyone who is not already pegged to lead an aspect of SpringFest to please step up to “lead” one of the following activities:

- ★ Gnome Homes
- ★ Get to Gnome Us Tent
- ★ Little Gnomes Play Area
- ★ Gnome Gazebo
- ★ Gnome Eats

I put “lead” in quotation marks because she stressed that you will NOT be doing this on your own! Please consider helping out with one of these activities.

Peace Corps – Our speaker this week was the president of the Dover Rotary club, Megan Keil. Megan was in the Peace Corps in Tanzania as an education volunteer at an all-girl boarding school. Upon returning to the US, she became a recruiter for the Peace Corps and she currently visits colleges all over New England in that capacity.



(Ordinarily I would have cropped this picture but I left it alone so that you could see some of the End Polio Now sweatshirts that club members had ordered - Jim brought a big boxful of shirts & hoodies to the meeting!)

At the beginning of the pandemic, there were over 7,300 PC volunteers and of course they were called home in 2020. Megan reports that they are currently building back up and expect to be back in the 7k range in a couple years. Rotary has a close relationship with the Peace Corps and if you look at the PC Areas of Focus, they line up very closely with the Areas of Focus of The Rotary Foundation.

Peace Corps Areas of Focus

- Education
- Health
- Youth in Development
- Agriculture
- Community Economic Development
- Environment

Megan chose to stay an extra (3rd) year in Dar es Salaam where she was invited to a 4th of July party at the US embassy, where she got to meet Jane Goodall! This was a special treat for Megan since she had an interest in wild animals, having been a zookeeper before joining the Peace Corps.



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