

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

September 14, 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:

September 21 – Andrew Knupp, Idexx

September 22, 5:30 – Donation Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

September 23, 8-9 – Gardening at Bug Light

September 24, 9 a.m. - Crutches for Africa – loading container at 128 Saco Ave., Old Orchard Beach

September 28 – Club Internal Business

September 30, 8-9 – Gardening at Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

October 5 – Chris Hamilton, Amani Center for Street Children (Tanzania)

October 12 – No Meeting **BUT** you can sign up for:

October 13 – Sponsor Breakfast at SP Community Center

September 21 Duties

Opening Words – Albert

Raffle Gift - Healey

Meeting Room Setup – Wagner

OWL Operation – *Please sign up*

September 28 Duties

Opening Words – Altenburg

Raffle Gift - Healey

Meeting Room Setup – please sign up

OWL Operation – Wagner

Opening Words – President Jim opened the meeting with an Irish poem dedicated to the memory of long-time member Joe Conroy who passed away on September 7. Joe joined Rotary in 1985 and served as president from 1990-91. Joe was passionate about our involvement at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen and could be counted on to inspire us to attend each month. Many members have fond memories of Mr. Conroy as their children's English teacher or even their own English teacher! Rest in peace, Joe.



What's New With Our Members

Happy 60-year Rotary anniversary to Bob Hanson!!

Our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Susan Black who was our speaker just a few weeks ago.

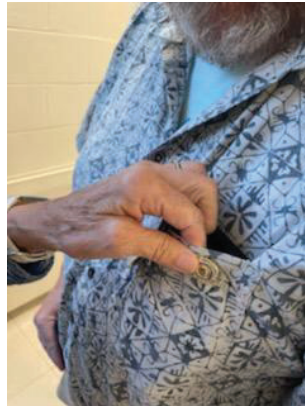
Congratulations to Peter Bennett who won a gift certificate to Verbena, courtesy of Nancy H.

Thank you to Tony, Adrienne & Bev for agreeing to lead the SpringFest sales team!

Good news on the Interact front- Tiffanie announced that an adviser has been identified at South Portland High School so we are very optimistic that we can have a vibrant Interact club again, as well as a strong showing at RYLA!

Guests this week – Bill York joined us from across the pond. Joining in person were new visitor Sarah Kerry and returning visitor Paul Smith. Although not "guests," we saw Joanie and Bev in person at a meeting for the first time this week!

Pin of Admiration – President Jim fittingly bestowed a Rotary shamrock pin on our Membership Chair Matt McAleney for all he does for our club and the sense of fun he brings to everything he does. The timing proved to be serendipitous because unknown to Jim, the Foundation Committee had just received a Paul Harris Fellow certificate for Matt, recognizing his donations to The Rotary Foundation. So he was also presented with that recognition at the meeting - District Governor Claudia did the honors of doing the pinning.



Open Lighthouse Day – Over 300 people enjoyed touring Bug Light on Open Lighthouse Day, and another 80-100 visitors during the Antique Auto show on September 7. Donations from appreciative guests brought in \$475 to be used for Bug Light maintenance. President Jim presented to Tony Wagner a flask in the shape of Bug Light to thank him for coordinating the event. Also on hand to greet visitors were Bill Anderson, Kathy Cotter, Michele Danois, Katelyn Estes, Sarah Fisher, Sari Greene Nancy Hawes, Nancy Irving, Mark Leasure, John LoBosco, David Lourie, Tom Meyers, Adrienne Murphy, Chuck Redman, Jack Roberts, Sue Sturtevant and DeeDee Wacksman.

The Season Has Started! – And that means we have our first winner of the 2022 weekly football pool. Returning champion Mike Geneseo (winner of the 2019 pool) was the week one winner with ten correct picks. And to prove how fickle football prediction can be, last year's winner Dave Bagdasarian came in last! Thirty-one people have been playing so far – it's never too late to join in! Receiving the trophy from Commissioner Emeritus Chuck on her Rotary twin's behalf was Nicole.



Like the Commissioner (Jim), the Commissioner Emeritus (Chuck) appears to do a lot of online shopping, including this tribute presented to the Commissioner

Official Visit – It is the tradition in Rotary that the District Governor starts their year by making an “official” visit to each club. This was certainly not the first time that Claudia Frost has visited our club but this was her “official” visit as our District Governor. Claudia started out in Rotary in a Massachusetts club and is a Past President (twice!) of the Brunswick club. She has degrees in choral conducting and is a retired music teacher. She shared a video clip of her professional work – a group of 125 fourth graders from Wenham, MA singing “Imagine” at a conference in New York City – ADORABLE!!

Claudia also described some of the events/activities of the district this year:

- Recovery Conference – this already happened and was attended by 175 people, including Kiley and John LoBosco from our club. Kiley also attended a similar conference put on by the state and she said the Rotary conference was much better!
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Claudia said that the district has formed a DEI Committee and is working on a district statement.
- PETS – The President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be in person this year. The chief value in PETS (my personal opinion!) is in meeting other presidents in the district and in all the informal sharing that takes place, so YAY!
- Zambia Outreach trip – It was recently announced that the annual outreach trip, which the district undertakes in non-pandemic times, will take place next spring to Zambia. Application deadline is September 30 so if you’re interested, get on the stick! (Emma Bodwell sent out the application, let me know if you need it.)
- District “Celebration” – Ordinarily we end the year with a District Conference but this year we’re calling it a district Celebration. It will take place on Bailey Island (where Claudia lives) in June – look for more information about it soon.

President Jim and the club acknowledged Claudia’s visit with a donation in her honor to the Burundi hospital that Dr. Susan Black spoke about last month, and with a statuette declaring her to be Rotary’s Most Kick-A** District Governor!



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