

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**September 21, 2022**



**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:**

**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 28 Duties**

Opening Words – Altenburg

Raffle Gift – N. Irving

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – Wagner

## **October 5 Duties**

Opening Words – Anderson

Raffle Gift – S. Irving

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *Please sign up*

**Opening Words** – In recognition of the autumnal equinox, Nicole shared some words by Bill Bryson:

“It was one of those sumptuous days when the world is full of autumn muskiness and tangy, crisp perfection: vivid blue sky, deep green fields, leaves in a thousand luminous hues. It is a truly astounding sight when every tree in a landscape becomes individual, when each winding back highway and plump hillside is suddenly and infinitely splashed with every sharp shade that nature can bestow – flaming scarlet, lustrous gold, throbbing vermilion, fiery orange”

### **What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to Frank Butterworth! (October 1)*

*Happy anniversary to Mike & Becca Geneseo (October 3)*

*Congratulations to Bob Danielson who won a Shoppers Hardware gift certificate courtesy of Ray Healey (note - Bob has been to club in person at SMCC three times and has won the raffle two of those times - is he the new Fran Bagdasarian???)*

*Congratulations to Chris Speh, the football pool winner of week 2 with 12 correct picks!*

*Congratulations to Nicole Albert, recipient of this week's pin from President Jim. Not knowing that Nicole's opening words would be about autumn leaves, Jim serendipitously chose a maple leaf as Nicole's pin - "because she's the most colorful person in the club!"*

*Guests this week – Hannah Olshansky (friend of Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien); other guests described below. Several guests from prior weeks are no longer guests – they're members!*

**Japanese Guests** – We were honored by the presence of three visitors from Aomori, Japan, along with Cumberland art teacher Linda McCann-Olson. Our guests were here as part of a print-making exchange program. President Jim was presented with a banner from the Aomori Morning Rotary Club.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!** – We inducted not one, not two, but THREE new members this week – WELCOME ALL!!!

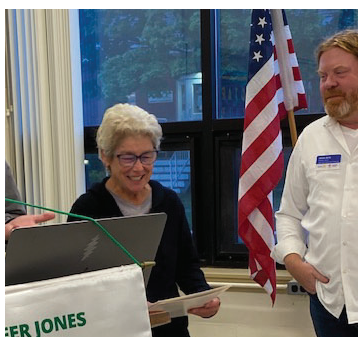
**Marjorie Dugan** was introduced by her neighbor Nancy Irving. Marge's most significant credential is that she introduced John & Sue LoBosco! Marge grew up next door to Sue LoBosco in Syracuse NY and five years ago ended up down the road from Sue again. In the meantime she raised three children and became a nurse. Since moving to Maine she has been volunteering with Partners for World Health and went on a medical mission to Bangladesh.



(Douglas) **Paul Smith** was introduced by fellow sailor Tony Wagner. Although he didn't need much introduction since he has been attending meetings faithfully for a couple months already. Paul was a member of the Saco Bay Sunset club but since moving to South Portland, it was logical for him to transfer to us. He has two sons in Massachusetts and is a financial adviser with Edward Jones at Woodfords Corner in Portland.



**Sarah Cary** (I spelled her name wrong in a recent bulletin!) was introduced by Membership Chair Matt McAleney. Sarah is a retired anesthetist who moved to Maine (Cape Elizabeth) last November. She immediately started looking for a way to volunteer and came up dry until she came across SP-CE Rotary!



**TICKS!** – This is part of Bob Knupp’s introduction of his son Andrew: Andy is 52 years old, has been employed at Idexx for 18 years and is a graduate of both Dickinson College and the Stern School at NYU with an MBA degree. He is married to a fellow Dickinson graduate, and lives in Cape Elizabeth. He had two daughters, one of whom recently graduated from Holly Cross and the other who is a sophomore at UVM.



For some of us, Andy looked very familiar because we had already seen him twice at club outings to the Maine Mariners hockey games. Here he is on the big board with his mom Judy and his daughters:



Andy spoke about “Our Dogs and the Ticks that Love Them.” He described the environmental factors that make ticks more prevalent than ever (climate variations, mobile society, urban sprawl, relocation of dogs for adoption), resulting in a rapid rise in human tick-borne disease cases. (And he told us that if you want to sound smart you can refer to diseases borne by ticks and other bugs as “vector-borne.”) He dispelled some myths about ticks, such as that you need to be worried about:

- ✓ Only deer ticks
- ✓ Only small ticks
- ✓ Only during the summer
- ✓ Only ticks from Lyme Connecticut
- ✓ Only if they’ve been attached for a while.

In fact you need to be concerned about all ticks, all year round. He also pointed out that they do not fall out of trees or fly – they brush onto you from tall grass or weeds. He encouraged all dog owners to have their dog tested annually – this keeps your dog healthy as well as alerting you to the presence of infected ticks in your area. Thank you, Andy, for this very informative presentation!



**Another PHF Pin** – Foundation Committee members Sue Sturtevant and Nancy Hawes took a break from cleaning up the rose garden at the entrance to Bug Light Park to present Catherine Callahan with her second Paul Harris Fellow pin. (Sue volunteered to take the photo, as she often does at club meetings also – thanks, Sue, for all the great photos you have contributed to the bulletin including many in this one!) Catherine has a more personal connection to The Rotary Foundation than most of us, having served on the district's outreach trip to Bulgaria several years ago. And speaking of District 7780 outreach trips...



**Anyone Want to go to Zambia???** – Peter Bennett reminded us that the deadline is fast approaching to apply for the district's outreach trip next February or March. The deadline is NEXT FRIDAY – September 30. The trip is open to all Rotarians with a curiosity for learning about new cultures and a desire to improve the lives of others through this fact-finding trip. (I'll send a separate link to the application form.)

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