

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 28, 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 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

**October 19** – Megan Keil, Peace Corps

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

**October 22 (tentative)** – Pints “Against” Polio at Fore River Brewing

**October 26** – Leah McDonald, Preble Street Teen Services

### October 5 Duties

Opening Words – Anderson

Raffle Gift – S. Irving

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – Mike Tranfaglia

### October 19 Duties

Opening Words – D Bagdasarian, SR

Raffle Gift – Knupp

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

**Opening Words** – Bev shared some opening words that she found online:

It is good to recognize how different we are. Our talents, our dreams, our backgrounds, our occupations. No one is exactly like anyone else. Even our thumbprint and our voice track tell us how unique we are. We are thankful that we can take these differences and mobilize them for the good of Rotary and our community. In our differences we can think the same thoughts and move together toward a common goal. We are blessed for our individuality and also for our common bond of Rotary.

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

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

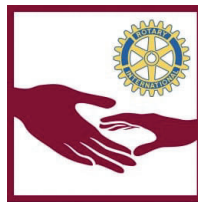
*Happy anniversary to Mike & Becca Geneseo (October 3)*

*Congratulations to Bob Danielson who won the tie-breaker with Nancy Irving to take home the Yorkie football trophy for a week. They each had ten correct picks.*

*Congratulations to Tony, who won the raffle prize of a Nonesuch gift certificate donated by Nancy Irving.*

*Get well wishes to Diane Anderson who is recovering at home.*

*Congratulations to Adrienne Murphy who was this week's recipient of the Presidential Pin - the 2003-04 theme pin "Lend A Hand." Adrienne was lauded as being the "unsung hero of Springfest sales.*



Lend a Hand

*Guests this week – Bill York joined us from across the pond. Brent Wilson and Laurenz Schmidt attended our meeting at SMCC in person for the first time!*

**P.S. from Last Week** – I didn't have the names of our Japanese guests when I sent out the bulletin last week but here are the names of the guests who honored us with their visit:

Dr. Tadashi Suzuki a member of Aomori Morning Rotary Club

Mika Tamura (Suzuki-san's daughter)

Dr. Tetsuhiro Sakai a member of Aomori Morning Rotary Club



**Meeting Room Setup** – People have been reluctant to sign up for this duty, possible because they don't know what to do. It is extremely easy and takes less than five minutes. Phil Dube is making an offer to anyone who signs up to show them the ropes. Please consider signing up.

**Bug Light Donation** – Tony announced that we have received a donation of \$5,000 from Eric Fiebert for the maintenance of Bug Light. Bug Light was very special to his late wife Janet, so he is making the donation in her memory.

**SPCE Rotary Takes a Stand!** – Last year many clubs around the district, including our own, held a “Pints for Polio” event. We're doing it again this year, but our club has taken the bold position that we are not in favor of polio – therefore our Pints coordinator Matt has re-named it Pints Against Polio! The tentative date is the afternoon of Saturday, October 22 – mark your calendars (and we'll let you know if anything changes). Fore River Brewing generously offered last year to hold the event again and we're taking them up on that offer. Matt assures us that if you don't have a taste for beer, they have lots of other beverages.

**More Drinking!** – Our club has a long history of collaborating with our parent club – Portland – and they have invited us to join them in a polio awareness event: Spanning the Bridge. We will gather on the SP side of the Casco Bay Bridge at 4:00 on Thursday, October 20 and walk up onto the bridge – wearing red – to raise awareness of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. This will be followed by an opportunity to lift a pint. In recognition of Oktoberfest, I encourage you to take advantage of both opportunities to share a quaff with your friends. See President Jim's email re ordering End Polio tee shirts (although they're not required!).

**“The Gatherings that Keep Us in Business”** – that was President Jim's apt description of “club assemblies.” Jim called upon several people to give an update:

- ❖ Matt McAleney, Membership – In addition to filling us in on Polio Pints (above), Matt said that they are planning to send out information to new homebuyers and to people who had been in Rotary previously.
- ❖ Tree Sale – work is progressing in the subcommittees – look for details soon!
- ❖ Sari Greene, SpringFest – Sari urged everyone to get involved (see her email!) and is looking forward to it being an “amazing event.”
- ❖ Fran Bagdasarian, Assistant District Governor – Fran explained her new role as Assistant Governor and gave us a district update.
- ❖ Nancy Hawes, Foundation Co-Chair – Nancy announced our club giving results from last year, concluding that we are “superstars:”
- ❖ Annual Fund - \$20,000
- ❖ PolioPlus - \$12,000 (1/6 of the total district giving although we make up less than 5% of the district membership)
- ❖ Our current year goal is \$9,000. She recommended reading the article about polio in the October Rotary magazine – it highlights the progress being made with new vaccines.
- ❖ Mike McGovern, RI PolioPlus Chair – Mike described the progress being made in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and commented on how the phrase “polio is only a plane ride away” has actually come true in London and New York. He described the new messaging



that will be taking place (we've been "this close" for 15 years) – "Together We End Polio."

- ❖ Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien, Community Services Director – Kiley described two volunteer opportunities at the SP schools:
  1. Mentors at Memorial Middle School – this is a one hour weekly commitment.
  2. Kaler Elementary School – volunteers are needed each Friday (but you don't need to commit to every week) to help unpack food items donated through the Locker Project and prepare bags to send home with students.

Jim closed the meeting with a description of our activities: "doing good while having fun" with a "team effort of generosity."

### **Bob's SEPTEMBER Quiz** –

1. When was the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv chartered?
  - a. 1912
  - b. 1935
  - c. 1947
  - d. 1951
2. What percentage of American fathers believe they have done a "very good job" in raising their children?
  - a. 63%
  - b. 57%
  - c. 39%
  - d. 22%
3. Which country in the world ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in registered vehicles?
  - a. Uganda
  - b. Switzerland
  - c. Brazil
  - d. Mexico
4. Where will the 2023 RI Convention be held?
  - a. Phoenix
  - b. Sydney
  - c. Munich
  - d. Moscow
  - e. Melbourne
5. How many Rotary clubs helped with the Guatemala Literacy Project?
  - a. 250
  - b. 800
  - c. 950
  - d. 1200

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