

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 3, 2024



*I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy!
Rabindranath Tagore*

Upcoming Dates:

April 10 – Club Foundation Committee (Nicole Albert, Chair)

April 16, 7 p.m. – Club Board meeting – in our usual meeting room at SMCC

April 17 – No Meeting

April 20 – District Assembly, Westbrook High School

April 24 – Peace Corps

April 25, 5:30 – Food processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

May 1 – Paul Johnson, Maine Inland Fish & Wildlife (retired), Discovering the Allagash

May 1 – World Cultures Day at SP Middle School, sponsored by SPCE Rotary

May 7, 7 p.m. – Club Finance Committee meeting via Zoom (let Dave Bagdasarian know if you are not a committee member but would like to attend)

May 8 – Andy Chandler, AARP, Internet Fraud Today

May 10 – “Flying Colors” – Benefit Art Auction at Children’s Museum & Theater of Maine

May 17-18 – SPRINGFEST!!

June 1 – RYLA Clean-up Day at Camp Hinds

June 29 – District Conference, Isle of Shoals

April 10 Duties

Opening Words – D. Bagdasarian, Jr.
Raffle Gift – N. Irving

April 24 Duties

Opening Words – D. Bagdasarian, Sr.
Raffle Gift – Healey


Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**

Opening Words – Here are the opening words from Bill Anderson on March 27 that I wasn’t able to catch:

“As long as we have memories, yesterday remains, as long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits, and as long as we have friendship, each day is never a waste.”
Charles Schultz

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Doug Schauf - April 13*

 *John LoBosco - April 21*

Happy April 11 Anniversary (both on the same day in 1970) to:

 *Bill & Diane Anderson*

 *Dan & Joan McDonald*

April Rotaversaries:

 *Rupa Lall Pakash - 1 year*

 *Brent Wilson - 3 years*

 *Chris Speh - 5 years*

- ❁ Dan McDonald - 9 years
- ❁ Tom Meyers - 23 years
- ❁ Phil Dube - 54 years!

Editor's note: I will not have a chance to write and send a bulletin after the April 10 meeting this week – the next bulletin will be after the April 24 meeting.

South Portland High Class of 2025 – Tiffanie writes that “the SPHS Class of 2025 has set up a GoFundMe page to help fundraise for their senior year events (prom, etc). They have been fundraising all along, but costs are increasing faster than they can keep up. Perhaps some of the Rotarians might want to help them out.”

Fort Williams Children’s Garden – The weather prevented us from hearing about Fort Williams last week but both Dan Davidson and John LoBosco called my attention to the fact that the Children’s Garden (which our club helped to fund) was featured in the most recent issue of the AAA magazine.

Out & About
PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE, NEAR AND FAR

MAINE

SECRET GARDEN

Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth is well-known as the site of the historic Portland Head Light. But the 90-acre seaside expanse also harbors a lesser-known jewel. In the artfully designed **Children's Garden**—which delights adults, too—a stream tumbles down granite stones from a shallow biofilter pond, where frogs, turtles, and dragonflies commune. The stream then flows into a second pond, where egrets, ducks, and cormorants alight. Youngsters love scurrying through tunnels, whizzing down a slippery granite slide, and scrambling up into a tree fort.

School groups visit frequently, and children's book readings are sometimes held in a circular granite seating area. Paths, including one that's wheelchair- and stroller-accessible, wind through the garden and an adjacent wildflower meadow. “The trees and shrubs were planted to create separate ‘rooms,’” says Andrea Southworth, ecology project manager for Friends of Fort Williams Park. “You see something new around every corner.” Open since 2016, this 1.5-acre oasis is part of a park-wide initiative to restore habitat for native plants and wildlife. **MIMI BIGELOW STEADMAN**

COURTESY WALTER BROWN, ANDREA SOUTHWORTH

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