

# TWO LIGHTS

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

**August 16, 2023**



*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:**

**August 22, 5:30 p.m.** – SP-CE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! **3 tickets left as of 8/16!!**

**August 23** – No Meeting

**August 24, 5:30** – Food Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

**August 30** – Club Assembly – presentation of Director’s goals for this Rotary year

**September 6** – No Meeting

**September 13** – “Classification Talk” from Hannah Olshansky

**August 30 Duties**

Opening Words – McGovern  
Raffle Gift – D Bagdasarian, Jr.

**September 13 Duties**

Opening Words – McGreehan  
Raffle Gift – Fran Bagdasarian

Opening Words – AnneMarie McCoubrey (whose work duties preclude her from attending our regular meetings but who is often seen at our various projects) sent in this quote from Albert Schweitzer:

*“One thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”*

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

*Happy Birthday to:*

- *Tony Wagner (August 24)*
- *DeeDee Wacksman (September 2)*
- *Scott Irving (September 9)*

*Sari Greene (September 11)*

*Happy Anniversary to*

- *🎁 Dave (Jr.) & Megan Bagdasarian - August 19*
- *🎁 John & Sue LoBosco - August 31*
- *🎁 Rick & Diane Dobson - September 6*
- *🎁 Bob & Alicia Danielson - September 10*

*Congratulations to Tom Meyers who won a gift certificate to Tostones courtesy of Dave Bagdasarian Sr.*

*Welcome back, Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y*

*Guests this week: We were joined online by friend of the club Dr. David Langdon.*

**Foundation Football** – See Commissioner Emeritus Chuck’s message about how to participate in the football pool. Everything about it is easy.

To join, you can:

- Either make the \$50 donation online or
- Send in a check yourself or give a check to Nicole or Kathy Cotter.

To participate, you can:

- Either make your picks online or
- Send Commissioner Jim Britt an email with your picks.

To choose the winning teams, you can:

- Study the team’s statistics and the online odds and your hunches as to which running back will blow out his knee or
- Pick your favorite color uniform or
- Check a box online to pick all home teams or
- Check a box online to generate random picks.

**From the Board Room** – Our board met this week and approved two new programs – one from our

Community Services Director Sari and one from Youth Services Director Kiley. Descriptions of the programs will be sent to you separately since a quick summary of them in the bulletin would not do them justice. The board also voted to give avenue of service directors the discretion to make decisions on the disbursement of unallocated funds in the budget in their particular service area up to \$2,500.

**Feed the Birds** – Our speaker this week was Andrew Tufts, the Program Manager for the new “Bringing Nature Home” program at Maine Audubon. Many of us were expecting a speaker from Maine Audubon to talk about birds – and he did, but only indirectly. Instead he talked about their food source (insects) and in turn the insects’ food source (plants).



Andrew said that there are “keystone species” which are powerhouse plants for insects which birds feed on; a notable one is the red oak which feeds 534 types of caterpillars. The “Bringing Nature Home” program is all about us providing a more “nutritious” landscape for insects/birds in our yards and community spaces. In order to do that, we need to plant more “native species;” a good source of these is Audubon’s annual plant sale which takes place in person in mid-June and online from June through September (<https://shop.mainenativeplants.org>).

Audubon has partnered with school children on projects to improve the native plant environment – for instance students at Reiche School have been working at Kettle Cove and King Middle School students have been working at Deering Oaks. There is also a Portland Youth Corps in which high school students are paid to work in parks removing invasive species. Audubon has also partnered with municipalities to improve habitat at Hinckley Park and Willard Beach in SP and on the Franklin Arterial in Portland.

This was another excellent program –thank you Chris for all your efforts in bringing us such informative programs on timely subjects!

**Trivia question – whose car is this??**



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH**

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