

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 2, 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 7 – Sounds by the Sea, World Famous Grassholes - concert at the bandstand but the picnic shelter has been reserved for us!

August 9 – Meredith Mendelson, Maine Marine Resources Dept.

August 10, 5-7 p.m. – “Coffee & Climate: Celebrating Sustainability and Resilience in Maine’s Brewery Industry, Island Dog Brewing, 125 John Roberts Road, SP

August 14, 6 p.m. - Sounds by the Sea, Pine State Pitches, Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

August 15 – Board meeting – in our usual room at SMCC as well as on Zoom

August 16 – Andrew Tufts, Maine Audubon

August 22 – SP-CE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Pick up your ticket from Mike T at any meeting before then (cost = \$32).

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

August 9 Duties

Opening Words – McAleney

Raffle Gift – Anderson

August 16 Duties

Opening Words – McCoubrey
Raffle Gift – Dave Bagdasarian, Sr.

Opening Words – David Lourie spoke about Rotary’s 4-Way Test and quoted Abraham Lincoln in saying that “this too shall pass away.” Dan McDonald opened the meeting by noting that last year Rotarians donated 47 million hours and \$330 million dollars in service to our communities.

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to

- 🎂 Paul & Jan Butler - 67 years on August 11!*
- 🎂 Dick & Priscilla Yerxa - 61 years, also on August 11*
- 🎂 Frank & Debbie Butterworth on August 12*
- 🎂 Jeff & Linda Gabrielson on August 16*
- 🎂 Dave (Jr.) & Megan Bagdasarian on August 19*

Congratulations to David Lourie who won a Nonesuch gift card donated by Bev Altenburg.

Thank you to Sue Sturtevant, Mike Geneseo and Catherine Callahan for gardening at Bug Light this week.

We’re relieved that David Lourie was able to walk away after he was T-boned at the intersection of Spurwink and Route 77.

A note from Sybil: “Always such a great group of men & women. I am honored to have been a member for so many years.”

Guests this week: Peggy Siegle of the Brunswick club, who along with Fred Horch of the Brunswick club owns a business called Sustainable Practice – she was drawn to our meeting by the speaker’s topic.

Looking Forward to Next Week – 3 Things of Note:

1. Food! Mike Tranfaglia has arranged for us to have food brought in.
2. Tom Meyers reports that our speaker next week from the Dept of Marine Resources promises to be another fantastic speaker.
3. Scott Irving will be giving us a little tutorial on using the ClubRunner app.

Be there!

Sustainability – Our speaker this week was Steve Genovese, the Greater Portland Council of Governments Resilience Corps Fellow with the South Portland Sustainability Office. Steve served with the Peace Corps in Tanzania from 2018 to 2020 and upon his return started working on a master’s degree in Energy and Environmental Planning and Management from UConn, which he is getting close to completing. Steve spoke about 5 focus areas of the Sustainability Office:

- Buildings & Energy Use
- Transportation & Land Use
- Waste Reduction
- Climate Resilience
- Community Engagement

These areas are components of the One Climate Future plan, which is a joint plan between South Portland and Portland. Since Steve is a GPCOG Fellow, much of his work involves coordinating with Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough also. Steve gave us lots of interesting facts and I’m not sure if I wrote them down correctly so I won’t repeat them – but needless to say we learned a lot and the audience was very curious and engaged.

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