

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 30, 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:

September 6 – No Meeting, BUT...

September 6, 3-7 – Bug Light Open House (Car Show) – see online signup

September 9, 8:30 – 3:30 – Open Lighthouse Day – see online signup

September 13 – “Classification Talk” from Hannah Olshansky

September 20 – Liana Popkin, SP School District Community School Director

September 21, 8-4 – Building Recovery Ready Communities Conference, Italian Heritage Center – more info & registration on the District 7780 website.

September 13 Duties

Opening Words – McGreehan
Raffle Gift – Fran Bagdasarian

September 20 Duties

Opening Words – Meyers
Raffle Gift – Bennett

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

- 🍰 DeeDee Wacksman (September 2)
- 🍰 Scott Irving (September 9)
- 🍰 Sari Greene (September 11)

Happy Anniversary to

- 🎂 John & Sue LoBosco - August 31 (yesterday)
- 🎂 Rick & Diane Dobson - September 6
- 🎂 Bob & Alicia Danielson - September 10

Thank you Mike Tranfaglia for organizing last week's opportunity to have some fun together at the Sea Dogs!

Congratulations to Nancy Irving on receiving her PHF+3 pin this week - and to her husband Scott for being able to keep a secret! (RI mails the pins to Scott because he is our ClubRunner "master.") The pin was presented by our new Foundation Chair Nicole Albert.



Congratulations to Kiley on the publication of her paper on collaboration of the various agencies involved in mental health.

Congratulations to Nicole on winning the raffle prize of a Home Depot gift certificate courtesy of Dave Bagdasarian, Jr.

Guests this week: There were many members in attendance this week including Mary McGreehan, who was finally able to join us on Zoom – and our old friend Bill York also zoomed into the meeting. (And Fran was at the meeting in person!)

Quick Hits –

1. We're back in the dining hall! Price has gone up slightly (\$15.87) but still a bargain for this all-you-can-eat meal, with a priceless view!



(Mike McGovern took this photo from outside our dining hall this week.)

2. Football Pool – One of our members doesn't want to play but donated anyway in case anyone is strapped for cash at the moment but would still like to play. So no excuses – you don't even have to like football. And according to Commissioner Chuck, “winning is life-changing!” (Note that PoolHost is **free** – even though there are annoying prompts that ask you to give credit card information. If you sign up for that it will get rid of the annoying pop-up ads but if you're willing to put up with the ads ignore those prompts and do NOT pay anything.)
3. Recovery Conference – see our District 7780 website for information about this conference on September 21 but in addition to all the great speakers, Kiley will have a table there all day!

Making Plans – This week's program was a very useful and informative “club assembly” at which we learned the plans each of our five “avenue of service” directors has for the upcoming Rotary Year.

Club Administration (Mike Tranfaglia) – In a nutshell, Mike's goal for this year is “to function well in the post pandemic world.” More specifically to:

- ⊗ Plan for a social event at 3-month intervals – ***please*** let Mike know if you have any suggestions for club social activities.
- ⊗ Have a balanced meeting calendar with speakers, club assemblies, classification talks and service events.
- ⊗ Modify physical signage and information about our club.
- ⊗ Encourage and support efforts to expand our social media presence and content.

This plan may be supplemented by the results of the club's strategic planning process – the club will have an opportunity to discuss the plan at our next club assembly on September 27.

Membership (Matt McAleney) – Matt updated us on recent proposals for new members. His overall goal is to add two members for each member who resigns.

Youth Service (Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien) – In addition to continuing to support our traditional youth programs – RYLA, Scholarships, Interact clubs – Kiley has introduced a new Youth Social Impact Initiative (YSII). Think of it as a Boy Scout Eagle project but open to anyone in our communities ages 15-25 with an idea for improving our communities – and we would also provide funding and mentorship to help the project along.



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Untangling their brilliant ideas.
Lighting the way for a bright future in service.**

Action Plans:

- Develop marketing materials and communication plan.
- Secure dedicated mentors who commit to working with youth throughout the process.
- Secure youth ambassadors to promote the project.
- Solicit initial applications

International (Hannah Olshansky) – In addition to continuing to support Rotary Youth Exchanges, Hannah's goal is involvement in three global projects, particularly in South America, Africa and Asia, ideally with an in-person service component. We are currently in the exploration phase – looking for potential projects.

Community Service (Sari Greene) – Just as the other service directors expressed a commitment to supporting existing programs, Sari indicated that we would honor past commitments, e.g. Bug Light, gardens, Veterans, Food Cupboard, municipal employees, senior programming. Other goals are:

- ⊗ Identify, fund and support the needs of the communities we serve.
- ⊗ Expand community engagement and hands-on service opportunities.
- ⊗ Improve club community service internal communications
- ⊗ Track and celebrate volunteer hours.

She proposed accomplishing this with 3 committees:

- ⊗ Community Outreach Project Group (with subcommittees for the projects noted above – Bug Light, etc.)
- ⊗ Community Needs and Partnerships, with subcommittees for Grants & Needs Assessments and Partnership Service Opportunities
- ⊗ Club Engagement & Communications

Sari also described the new Community Grant Pilot Program, offering microgrants (up to \$500) and block grants (up to \$2,500).

The directors plan to give us quarterly updates and you'll be hearing more about the new initiatives. Lots of great stuff in the works!!!!

Our Own Maytag Repairman – Our Club Protection Officer gave an overview of what the club protection officer's duties are and expressed appreciation that our club does not misbehave in this area and therefore like the Maytag repairman his position is pretty uneventful. He wrapped up by reminding us of the Rotarian Code of Conduct (which follows the 4-Way Test in each issue of the Rotary magazine:

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH

Officers

President – Dan McDonald
President-Elect – Nancy Irving
Vice-President – *in transition*
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – *position open*

Directors

Club Administration – Mike Tranfaglia
Youth Services – Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien
Community Services – Sari Greene
International Services/Foundation – Hannah Olshansky
Membership – Matt McAleney
Director-At-Large – Jim Britt

Committee Chairs

Visibility Co-Chairs – Fran Bagdasarian & Matt McAleney

Webmaster – Jim Britt & Scott Irving

Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes

Program Chair – Chris Speh

Club Protection Officer – Bob Knupp

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