

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 9, 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 15, 7 p.m. – Board meeting – in our usual room at SMCC as well as on Zoom

August 16 – Andrew Tufts, Maine Audubon

August 22, 5:30 p.m. – SP-CE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Pick up your ticket from Mike T at any meeting before then (cost = \$32).

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

August 16 Duties

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

August 30 Duties

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

What's New With Our Members

Thank you to Mike Tranfaglia for arranging the dinner for this evening's meeting!

And thank you, Scott for the ClubRunner Smartphone App tutorial this week!

Happy Birthday, Tony Wagner! (August 24)

Happy Anniversary to

🎁 Jeff & Linda Gabrielson on August 16

🎁 Dave (Jr.) & Megan Bagdasarian on August 19

Congratulations to Nancy Irving who won a Terra Cotta gift card donated by Bill Anderson.

Ongoing get well wishes to Laurenz - we miss you!

Guests this week: Shona Workman was a guest of Rupa this week. Shona is an intercultural adviser at SMCC and spent a year in France while in high school as part of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. We were also joined online by Sherry Mendelson, who is presumably related to our speaker.

Please Pick up Tickets! – If you have reserved a ticket for the Sea Dogs game on August 22 and have not picked up your ticket, please pick up your ticket at this week's meeting if possible.

Saving Right Whales – This week's speaker was Meredith Mendelson, Deputy Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources. She spoke about the hot topic in the news – how to save the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale without decimating the lobster fishery. The right whale population is less than 400 and their mortality would have to be reduced by roughly 90% in order for their population to be sustainable. The two major causes of mortality are vessel strikes and line entanglements. Even if there were no vertical lines, the right whales would still not be out of danger due to other causes of injury and death. Thanks to the "Christmas Miracle," funding was included in the 2023 Omnibus spending bill to collect more scientific data and conduct research into solutions (i.e. ropeless lobster traps, safe means of tagging them, etc.). This was once again a fascinating and extremely informative presentation on a very timely subject.

Last Week's Speaker – We (well actually Program Chair Chris) received this nice note from Steve Genovese, our speaker from the SP Sustainability Office last week, who followed up a question that he was unable to answer at the time.

Chris,

I wanted to share a note of thanks as well for inviting South Portland Sustainability to speak with Rotary last week!

It was far and away my most enjoyable speaking engagement this past year – and I have done quite a few!

I did receive a question about fluorescent vs LED lightbulbs and wanted to follow-up with more information about them. Fluorescent bulbs are an excellent alternative to traditional incandescent bulbs as we discussed last week. What I was unsure of was data regarding the comparison to LED bulbs, but did a little digging to find that LED bulbs use roughly 40% less energy than fluorescent. There is very little data available that discusses greenhouse gas emissions between the two, which tells me that both are most likely similar in this impact assuming that the energy used is coming from a renewable generated source. I also know that fluorescent bulbs and tube lighting is more difficult to get rid of as a waste product – both South Portland and Cape Elizabeth Transfer Stations will accept them, but in different ways. South Portland has a per item fee - \$0.50/bulb and \$2.00/tube – and can be taken at any time during the year. Cape Elizabeth holds an annual ‘Household Hazardous Waste’ collection day where these items are collected free of charge. It looks like Cape’s HHW day is November 4th this year.

Again, many thanks for your support of Sustainability! We look forward to continuing this momentum!

Cheers,
Steve

Are You Ready for Some Football???? – As noted in Commissioner Emeritus Chuck’s email, Foundation Football is just around the corner and we hope you’ll consider participating. You don’t have to know anything about football or even like football – it’s all about supporting polio eradication. And about the glory of winning – the first presentation of the Yorkie Trophy predated the more recent tradition of being presented a velvet gold jacket as well. So our first winner, Mike Tranfaglia, was presented by Commissioner Chuck with his gold jacket this week – congratulations Mike!



Mike with the Yorkie trophy and (Bill) York

Mike in his new duds with the Commissioner



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