

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 28, 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:

**March 6** – Stefanie Manning, Maine Trust for Local News

**March 8** – Opening of Partners for World Health exhibit at Portland Public Library entitled “Kandapara Brothel: Invited In” (exhibit runs through September 16)

**March 9, 6:00** – **Fireworks!!** (at Fort Williams Park) **RAIN DATE!**

**March 13** – D. Reidmiller & G. Prickett – Gulf of Maine Research Institute

**March 19, 7 p.m.** – Board Meeting

**March 20** – NO Meeting

**March 23** – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Lions Clubhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth

**Also on March 23 at 9:30 a.m.** –Virtual showing of “Bounty” (see below)

**March 27** – Julie Pezzino, Children’s Museum & Theater of Maine

**March 28** – Special Board Meeting to discuss proposed changes to club bylaws

**March 28** – District 7780 Rotary Virtual Opportunity Fair (learn about opportunities for service at the district level)

**April 3** – Jennifer Scarpitti-Nelson, Friends of Fort Williams

**April 6** – Theater Night at Lyric Theater; Young Frankenstein

**April 20** – District Assembly, Westbrook High School

**May 17-18** – SPRINGFEST!!

**June 29** – District Conference, Isle of Shoals

**March 6 Duties**

Opening Words – Albert

Raffle Gift – Hamerski

**March 13 Duties**

Opening Words - Altenburg

Raffle Gift - Hanson

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

**Opening Words** – Brent Wilson shared some quotes about spring:

“Springtime is the land awakening. March winds are the morning yawn.” – Lewis Grizzard

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” – Leo Tolstoy

“The earth laughs in flowers.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

**What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to*

 *Dick Yerxa - March 5*

 *Dan Mooers - March 11*

*Happy Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers! (March 9)*

*Congratulations to Sari Greene who won the gift certificate to NightMoves Bakery donated by...HERSELF! (It's Allowed!!!)*

*March Rotaversaries:*

 *Catherine Dorrington - 1 year*

 *Aaron Filieo - 3 years*

- 🌀 Sue Sturtevant - 11 years
- 🌀 Anne Swift-Kayatta - 20 years
- 🌀 David Lourie - 29 years
- 🌀 Jeff Gabrielson - also 29 years!

*Congratulations to Nicole Albert who was recognized for her generosity to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund!*



*Guests – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien came to our meeting to see Bill's presentation on the Transportation Museum.*

**MY BAD!** – I mistakenly omitted Dave Bagdasarian's name two weeks ago when I listed previous Program Chairs. Dave was chair from 2018-2020 and brought us some memorable programs such as Luke's Lobster, Atlantic Sea Farms, Sea Bags, Maine Mariners, the President of SMCC and BEEKEEPING! When asked about why they're in Rotary, most people list giving back to the community and/or the fellowship aspect. While these are definitely great reasons to be in Rotary, I believe that in our club anyway, it's also really awesome to learn so much about what's going on in our community. Thanks for all the enriching programs you brought us, Dave (as did the other program chairs)!

**Bounty on March 23** – On Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., The Rotary District 7780 Indigenous Partnership Committee, in conjunction with the Upstander Project and the "Well-Wishers" Rotary Action Group Mental Health Initiative, are inviting us to attend a virtual film screening of "Bounty," followed by a discussion about Recognizing Indigenous Resilience. Guest speakers will be Maulian, Bryant, Film co-director and Penobscot Nation tribal ambassador, AND our own Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien.

**\$50 "Peter Cotter" Discretionary Voucher** – Don't forget that our club budget allows for each of us to spend \$50 of the club's money wherever we see a need. We do this by using our own funds and then asking treasurer Nancy Irving (or Marge while Nancy is away) to reimburse us. You don't need to provide any receipt or other documentation for this request.

**Crutches for Africa** – Thank you to the following who helped load mobility devices into a container last Saturday:

- ❖ Peter Bennett
- ❖ Hannah Olshansky
- ❖ Kathy Cotter
- ❖ Michele Danois
- ❖ Tiffanie Bentley
- ❖ Phil Dube
- ❖ Rupa Lall Pakash
- ❖ John LoBosco
- ❖ Tony Wagner

The crew loaded 28 wheelchairs, 964 pairs of crutches, 536 canes , 865 walkers and various other items for a total of **2,818** mobility devices!

**Fixing the Windows** – In preparation for presenting the Sam DiPietro Community Impact Award to Lyric Theater last week, Sari Greene learned that the theater had 4 stained glass windows that were structurally unsound and were letting in the rain. It would cost \$10,000 to fix these windows so Sari set about securing that funding:

- 💰 \$2,500 – from our club
- 💰 \$2,500 – from Bangor Savings Bank Foundation
- 💰 \$5,000 – from Dick McGoldrick of Commercial Properties, Inc.

So they can fix the windows now and stay dry! Congratulations to Sari and to the Lyric Theater which provides quality theatrical presentations, while demonstrating inclusivity in the process!

**Lifting Weights** – I got a workout last week at the South Portland Food Cupboard lifting cans of collard greens and bags of rice. Thank you to Brent Wilson who organizes the sign-up each month. Consider coming if you can (you can lift weights but it's not required; you could spend all your time crossing out barcodes). Helping out last week were:

- Nicole Albert
- Dave Bagdasarian
- Tiffanie Bentley
- Bob Danielson
- Michele Danois
- Nancy Hawes
- John LoBosco
- David Lourie
- Mary McGreehan
- Tony Wagner
- Brent Wilson
- Derek Campbell – a friend of Mary's daughter when they were in high school
- Josh – a Food Cupboard regular volunteer

**Owls Head Transportation Museum** – Chris introduced our speaker this week, our own Bill Lohrman who drove down from Camden to speak to us. Bill is a senior analyst with the Maine PUC and a part-time realtor. He has been volunteering for two years with the Owls Head Transportation Museum, mostly parking cars at events, a skill he acquired under Tom Meyers' tutelage. The museum is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, having been started in 1974 by 3 plane enthusiasts: Thomas Watson (president of IBM), James S. Rockefeller, Jr. and Steven Lang. The museum now has dozens of antique planes (older than 1940) and hundreds of automobiles, as well as motorcycles, bicycles and carriages, almost all of which were donated. The museum's recent focus has been on STEM education, and they have a capital campaign underway to enlarge their space so that they can provide more offerings to students. Unfortunately I got so interested in all the photos that Bill showed that I forgot to take a picture of our speaker. But here is a photo of Bill when he re-joined our club in 2022, thanks to the magic of Zoom.



***BY NOW YOU KNOW THAT THE FIREWORKS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY.***

***THANK YOU TO JIM BRITT FOR DESIGNING OUR NEW FIREWORKS BANNER!***



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