

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 7, 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:

February 12, 2 p.m. – Monday Matinee at South Portland Public Library (see below)

February 14 – Elizabeth McLellan, Founder/CEO, Partners for World Health

February 17, 2 p.m. – A Concert for Peace at Noble High School. This is a benefit for the Rotary Peace Scholars program. Registration is \$25 at <https://our.show/concertforpeace2024> (link is also on the District 7780 website)

February 21 – No Meeting BUT

February 21, 5-8 - South Portland Business Awards at the new SP Middle School at 120 Wescott Road. Congratulations to award recipient Lyric Theater!!

February 22, 5:30 - 7 - Food processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

February 24 – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Lions Clubhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth

February 28 – Bill Lohrman, Owl's Head Transportation Museum

March 2, 6:00 – Fireworks!! (at Fort Williams Park). Parking assistance needed from 4:45 – 7-ish – see signup from Scott.

March 5 – Presidential Primary Election

March 6 – Stefanie Manning, Maine Trust for Local News

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

April 6 – Theater Night at Lyric Theater; Young Frankenstein *Patty reports that the show promises to be great!*

April 20 – District Assembly, Westbrook High School

May 17-18 – SPRINGFEST!!

June 29 – District Conference, Isle of Shoals

February 14 Duties

Opening Words – Wilkens-O'Brien

Raffle Gift – Geneseo

February 28 Duties

Opening Words – Wilson

Raffle Gift – Greene


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


Opening Words – DeeDee shared a quote from Jan Glidewell:

“You can clutch the past so tightly to your chest that it leaves your arms too full to embrace the present.”

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Nancy Irving - Feb. 13*

 *Anne Marie McCoubrey - also Feb 13*

 *Laurenz Schmidt - Feb. 18*

 *David Lourie - Feb. 21*

Happy Anniversary to Chuck & Melissa Redman - February 12

Congratulations to Dave Bagdasarian for winning a giant jug of Vermont maple syrup, imported from Vermont by Jeff Gabrielson.

Joan & Joe Frustaci sent their greetings to our club via Peter Bennett.

Thank you to Matt McAleney and Doug Schauf for alerting our communities that there's a treat in store for them!



Guests – We were joined by Kennebunk Chief of Police/District Governor-Elect Bob MacKenzie. Club members joining in person included Patty Sprague and Aaron Filieo (2 weeks in a row!!) We were also joined again by our most recent members Pamela Fox and Kevin Williams – here's the photo that Scott took of Pamela being welcomed into the club, which I didn't have at the time that I wrote about her induction.



Policing in Today's World – Chris introduced our speaker Paul Fenton, Chief of Police for the town of Cape Elizabeth. Paul joined the CE police force in 1997 and rose through the ranks, becoming chief in 2018. He is a graduate of Brandeis and Husson and has a score of accreditations/certifications to his name.

Chief Fenton spoke about the challenges of recruiting and retaining talented officers. He said that he hires for character and trains for the rest. The training includes monthly in-house trainings; he believes these in-person events help the department to build a culture of collegiality. When asked about the biggest challenge facing the department, he said that mental health calls are “through the roof.” He spoke highly of the department’s relationship with the departments of the neighboring communities of South Portland and Scarborough, who all share a common dispatch center.

Our recent speaker town manager Matt Sturgis spoke glowingly of Chief Fenton and and this presentation gave us an appreciation for why he has such a high opinion of the chief.



Vote for the Food Cupboard! – The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation is soliciting votes from the community to determine how to distribute their charitable funds. The South Portland Food Cupboard requests that you write them in – here’s how:

- Click on the link below
- Fill in your info
- Click on Cumberland County, and
- Write in “South Portland Food Cupboard, South Portland

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Bob's February Rotary Magazine Quiz –

1. Gordon McNally, our current RI President, is a man of many talents. What is his latest accomplishment?
 - a. He invented a new tartan pattern.
 - b. He wrote a letter to himself.
 - c. He is concerned about everyone's mental health.
 - d. He is overly busy tasting single malts.
2. Who is Robert Chatfield?
 - a. It is a mystery.
 - b. A climate denier.
 - c. A Cape Elizabeth letter writer.
 - d. The next statewide appointee to the wildlife board.
3. What and where is Rancho Cielo?
 - a. Ronald Reagan's getaway in CA.
 - b. A vocational school in Monterey, CA.
 - c. A place where old cars go to die near Salinas, CA.
 - d. A grocery store in Carmel, CA.
4. What is RI's theme for February?
 - a. Wake up and die right!
 - b. Get out of the left lane and be kind.
 - c. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
 - d. Show the way and grow membership

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