

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 12, 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:

June 23 – Parking detail, CELT Paint for Preservation (see online signup)

June 25, 8-9 a.m. – Gardening at Bug Light (re-scheduled)

June 25 – and every Tuesday, 9-10:30 – Pickleball – contact John LoBosco if you're interested in participating.

June 25, 5:30 – 10:00 – RYLA Dinner & Campfire at Camp Hinds – open to all Rotarians. \$10 donation. Club members who haven't been before will get a real sense of what all the excitement is about and why supporting this leadership training opportunity for young people is a great use of our funds.

June 26, 5:30 – “Changeover” will take place at the Boathouse at Port Harbor Marine. The meal will be a catered taco bar from El Corazon. BYOB but seltzer & ginger ale will be provided. See [signup online](#).

June 27, 5:30 – 7:30 – South Portland Food Cupboard

June 29 – District Conference, Star Island (Isles of Shoals). Cost is \$45, which includes lunch and round-trip boat ride to the island. Boat leaves at 8:50 a.m. and returns to Portsmouth at 3:50 p.m.

July 1 - Rotary New Year's Day!

July 2 (Tuesday), 8-9 a.m. – Gardening at Bug Light

July 3 – Independence Day Eve – NO MEETING

July 8, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea Concert at Fort Williams picnic shelter – Novel Jazz. Our club is a sponsor; concertgoers are requested to bring a food item to donate to the Food Cupboard.

July 10 – Club Business (New Board presents plans for new Rotary year)

July 15, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea, Jeezum Crow, at picnic shelter

July 16 (Tuesday), 8-9 a.m. – Gardening at Picnic Shelter (to prepare for Lobsterbake!)

July 17 – Andrea Southworth, Ecology Projects Manager, Fort Williams Park

July 22, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea, Joan Kennedy, at bandstand

July 24 – Lobsterbake!!!

July 31 – Foundation Baseball. Let Nicole know if you would like to attend. Tickets are in Skyboxes Ramirez & Renteria. Cost = \$40 (or more!) donation to PolioPlus.

June 26 Duties

Opening Words – Cotter

Raffle Gift – Lourie

July 10 Duties

Opening Words – Danielson

Raffle Gift – McAleney

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

Opening Words – Catherine Callahan could not attend the meeting but submitted this poem by Mary Makofske:

Planting the Meadow

I leave the formal garden of schedules
where hours hedge me, clip the errant sprigs
of thought, and day after day, a boxwood

topiary hunt chases a green fox
never caught. No voice calls me to order
as I enter a dream of meadow, kneel
to earth and, moving east to west, second
the motion only of the sun. I plant
frail seedlings in the unplowed field, trusting
the wildness hidden in their hearts. Spring light
sprawls across false indigo and hyssop,
daisies, flax. Clouds form, dissolve, withhold
or promise rain. In time, outside of time,
the unkempt afternoons fill up with flowers.

What's New With Our Members

Thank you to Nancy Irving for running last week's meeting in President Dan's absence.

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Bob Knupp (June 16)
- 🍰 Dan Davidson (June 30)
- 🍰 *Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien (July 1, Canada Day!)*
- 🍰 *Sue Sturtevant (July 4 - Independence Day!)*
- 🍰 Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)
- 🍰 Bob Hanson (July 9)

Happy Anniversary to:

- 🎎 Catherine & Jim Dorrington (June 16)
- 🎎 Anne & Bill Kayatta (June 17)
- 🎎 DeeDee & Rick Wacksman (June 18)
- 🎎 Bill & Diane York (June 19)
- 🎎 Sari Greene & Eric Boutiette (June 19)
- 🎎 Chris & Ellie Speh (June 21)
- 🎎 Nancy & Scott Irving (June 30)

Congratulations to Kathy Cotter who won a pass to the Owls Head Museum, courtesy of Bill Lohrman. (That's 2 weeks in a row for Kathy, if you're keeping track!)

You can learn about Jim Britt's "perfect day" in today's Portland Press Herald - and it includes us!! Thanks for the shout-out, Jim!!

Guests at June 12 meeting – Bill York was able to join us from his home in Wales.

Gardeners: Spiffing up the garden by the picnic shelter at Fort Williams on June 5 were:

- 🌸 Catherine Callahan
- 🌸 Nancy Hawes
- 🌸 Nancy Irving
- 🌸 Scott Irving
- 🌸 John LoBosco
- 🌸 Tom Meyers



And weeding at Bug Light on June 12 were:

- 🌸 Catherine Callahan
- 🌸 Nancy Irving
- 🌸 Scott Irving
- 🌸 Mike Tranfaglia
- 🌸 Tony Wagner

Vet2vet Maine – Chris Speh introduced our speaker, Maggie Catanese, Executive Director of Vet2vet Maine who joined us via zoom from her home in Eliot. Maggie is a 3rd generation veteran, having served in the Air Force. Vet2vet Maine began as part of the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging and then formed its own 501(c)(3) organization. Maggie explained that its mission is to connect veterans with a fellow veteran, who will visit them in their homes. There are about 102,000 veterans in Maine and 45% of them are 65 or older. Many of these older veterans are at risk for isolation, suicide, poverty, dementia and other health needs. Vet2vet has found that only 1/3 of eligible veterans actually receive VA benefits and most will not seek help from anyone other than another veteran. The volunteers, who are veterans themselves, provide friendship and companionship, and refer veterans to services and benefits if needed. Our club has donated \$3,300 to Vet2vet Maine in the current Rotary year and has also supported other veterans organizations (Hut House and Durham Warriors) for a total of \$8,300 this year.

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