

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 6, 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 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 13 Duties

Opening Words - Altenburg

Raffle Gift – Hanson

March 27 Duties

Opening Words – Anderson

Raffle Gift – Hawes

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

Opening Words – Nicole quoted from Arch Klumph, who was the Rotary International President in 1916-17, and who founded The Rotary Foundation:

*The Rotary Foundation, is not to build monuments of brick and stone.
If we work upon marble, it will perish;
If we work on brass, time will efface it;
If we rear temples, they will crumple into dust;
But if we work upon immortal minds,
If we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary.....
We are engraving on those tablets
Something that will brighten all eternity.*

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- ✿ Dan Mooers - March 11*
- ✿ Dan McDonald - March 16*
- ✿ Nancy Hawes - March 17*
- ✿ Mike McGovern - March 17*
- ✿ Bev Altenburg- March 18*
- ✿ Paul Butler - March 18*
- ✿ Marc Muttly - March 23*
- ✿ Peter Bennett - March 23*

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

Congratulations to David Lourie, who won a gift certificate to Tostones donated by Tom Hamerski (who came in person to deliver the raffle gift - maybe I should give him the raffle duty more often!)

A Sweet Story – Last week Mike told a story about his former secretary Barbara Ray (past president Kathy Ray’s sister-in-law) who passed away a couple weeks ago. When he was District Governor in 2000, he received an allowance from RI for his expenses and at the end of the year he gave Barbara \$1,000 in recognition of the extra support she had provided to him while he was District Governor. She initially refused the money because she was being paid by the town anyway, but when he insisted she immediately donated the entire amount to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rest of the Story... Mike was at a President-Elect Training Session (PETS – remember the acronym, it comes up in a story below!) in Illinois last week and he was charged with going to 9 different break-out sessions to speak for a couple minutes on polio. By the 8th room, he was tired of saying the same thing so he got personal and told them that he was missing the visiting hours for his late secretary and told them the story above. When he came out of room #9, someone from room #8 approached him and gave him \$750 for PolioPlus, which they had raised spontaneously in memory of Barbara after hearing the story. Plus two people had agreed to match that amount. So with the Gates match, that’s a donation of \$6,750 to help eradicate polio!

Northeast PETS – As mentioned above, several districts in Illinois and surrounding states held their PETS last weekend. This weekend presidents-elect from our own district as well as six other New England districts are participating in PETS in Newton, Mass. Our P-E Nancy Irving flew in from California just to attend this training session, and she got the opportunity to meet the income RI President Stephanie Urchick from McMurray, Pennsylvania. (Thank you, Mike McGovern, for taking the photo.)



Theater Night! – You are receiving a flyer about Theater Night on April 6 in a separate link (this information is also on our club website). This event is going to be a two-fer, well maybe a three-fer:

1. Fundraiser for Lyric Theater through our ticket purchases;
2. In-kind Donation drive for Preble Street Resource Center – see list of items needed on the flyer or on the Preble Street Resource Center webpage. Mike Tranfaglia will have a donation box at each of our next 3 meetings, as well as at Lyric Theater on April 6.
3. FUN!

Maine Trust for Local News – I wish you all could have attended this week’s meeting to hear Stefanie Manning because I have way more in my notes than I can cover in the bulletin. Stefanie has been with the paper since 2013 and is now the Chief of Staff for Maine Trust for Local News (MTLN). She lives in Cape Elizabeth with her husband and two daughters and co-produces Harvest on the Harbor with Jim & Gillian Britt.

She told us not only about MTLN but also about the National Trust for Local News which is their parent non-profit company. The National Trust has only been around for two years and has two other state trusts currently (CO & GA) with 13 others in the works. Their goal is to have a subsidiary trust in every state. Maine accounts for 400 of the total 500 national employees so Maine, in the Dirigo fashion, is basically writing the playbook for the other states.

The MTLN is currently in the midst of a 2-year project to merge the administration of 5 daily papers and 17 community papers; Stefanie plays a big part in this transformation. Their goal is to have a reporter in every community that their papers serve. Since one of their papers is the SP Sentry, she gave kudos to its reporter Rebecca Richards. (And although the Cape Courier is not one of their papers, they are a print customer of MTLN.)

Finally, a tip for all you digital subscribers – you’re allowed to add family members to your subscription, which many in attendance were not aware of.



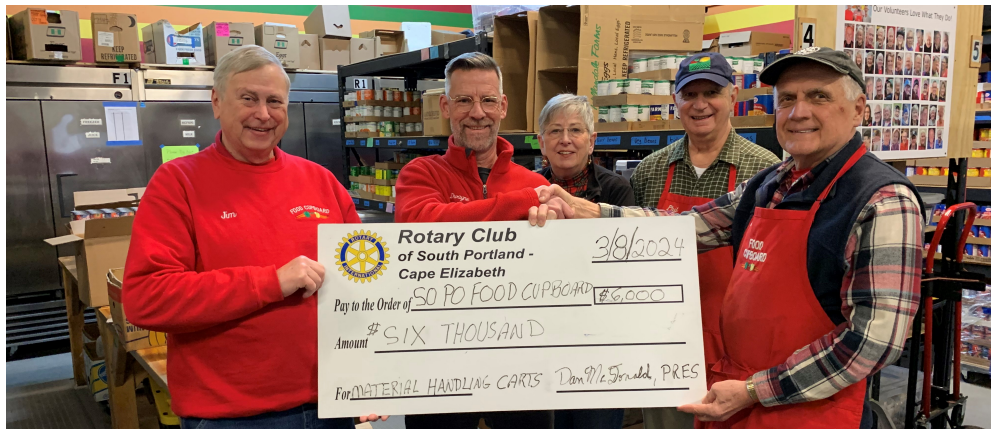
A Request and a Check! – The South Portland Food Cupboard is holding a fundraiser on April 5 and needs some silent auction items. Please contact Dwayne Hopkins (Dwayne.foodcupboard@outlook.com) if you can donate an auction item – here are some items they suggest:

- expensive bottles of wine
- weekend get-aways
- pottery, art, framed photos
- Gift cards
- ETC ...

The Food Cupboard reported that they had a record-breaking week last week:

- ❖ Tuesday – 60 families
- ❖ Wednesday – 32 families
- ❖ Thursday – 73 families

Our club’s budget provides for a generous donation to the South Portland Food Cupboard every year (as well as Judy’s Pantry – look for that next week!). On Friday, Tony brought along a “big check” for \$6,000 and made a presentation to recognize our generosity – seen here are Jim Welch, Dwayne Hopkins, Adrienne, Phil and Tony. He also brought along a much more useful “little check,” which will be used to purchase custom-built material handling carts (and if you’ve worked there you know these will be much appreciated!).



We all know that the club works at the Food Cupboard the 4th Thursday of each month. But our volunteer service is not limited to that. Several of our members drive the Food Cupboard van, and others like Phil, Adrienne and Tony are regulars every Friday morning. And I couldn’t resist taking a photo of Sybil’s Three Commandments, which say a lot about Sybil and about the South Portland Food Cupboard.





Bob's March Rotary Magazine Quiz

1. Plymouth, England is featured as a pictorial. What date did the Pilgrims sail away and how many days was their crossing to Plymouth, MA?
 - a. January 6, 1619, 35 days
 - b. October 19, 1620, 79 days
 - c. September 6, 1620, 66 days
 - d. July 4, 1620, 48 days
2. There is a very good article on J. Robert Oppenheimer. What was "Trinity" and when did it happen?
 - a. An ecumenical worship service at Los Alamos on June 30, 1945
 - b. The test of the atomic bomb in an isolated New Mexico area on July 16, 1945
 - c. A spontaneous cocktail party at Los Alamos after Hiroshima
 - d. A visit by FDR to Los Alamos in early August, 1945
3. What is Japanese "hikikomori?"
 - a. A popular sushi
 - b. Part of a religious experience
 - c. A secluded place near Tsukuba
 - d. Persons who isolate and seclude themselves for more than six months
4. We think we have had enormous amounts of rainfall in the US this year. What is the record amount of rainfall for a 24-hour period in India?
 - a. 16 inches
 - b. 28 inches
 - c. 61.5 inches
 - d. 72.5 inches

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