

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 1, 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:

May 3, 6-8 – Opening reception at Press Hotel for Catherine Callahan’s art exhibit

May 8, 4 p.m. – District 7780 Webinar on ShareForever (see Sarah MacGillivray’s email for registration link)

May 8 – Andy Chandler, AARP, Internet Fraud Today. *Note: last day SMCC cafeteria will be open until the fall semester.*

May 9, 7 p.m. (tentative, date is currently in flux) – Club Finance Committee meeting via Zoom (let Dave Bagdasarian know if you are not a committee member but would like to attend)

May 10 – “Flying Colors” – Benefit Art Auction at Children’s Museum & Theater of Maine

May 15 – Discuss SpringFest *Note: SMCC cafeteria is closed for the summer*

May 17-18 – SPRINGFEST!!

May 22 – SpringFest Debrief

May 29 – NO MEETING

June 1 – RYLA Clean-up Day at Camp Hinds

June 23 – Parking detail, CELT Paint for Preservation

June 25, 5:30 – 10:00 – RYLA Dinner & Campfire at Camp Hinds – open to all Rotarians. \$12 donation (or \$20 for Rotarian & guest). 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 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.

May 8 Duties

Opening Words – Bennett

Raffle Gift – Knupp

May 15 Duties

Opening Words – Bentley

Raffle Gift – Lall Pakash

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

Opening Words – Sari Greene read some opening words from Albert Einstein:

- ❖ A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.
- ❖ Not all things that have been counted, count. Not all things that count, have been counted. (From a blackboard at Princeton)

(And thanks to Dan Davidson who submitted the second one several months ago in case we needed opening words someday!)

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday, Bill York (May 14)!

Happy Anniversary, Tiffanie & Jim Bentley (May 5)!

Congratulations to Jeff Gabrielson who won a gift certificate to Tostones donated by Scott

Guests – Bill York joined us from across the pond. She's not a guest but Rupa was back in town and able to visit us in person – welcome back!

Spiffing up Bug Light Park – A big thank you to Catherine Callahan and her crew for doing spring cleaning at the garden next to the seating area along the Fore River as well as the two rose gardens flanking the entrance. The gardens look MUCH better and Catherine is making plans to replace plants that didn't survive the storms (although most appear to have done well). Helping Catherine were:

- Mike Tranfaglia
- Phil Dube
- Sue Sturtevant
- John LoBosco
- Nancy Hawes
- Tony Wagner
- Nancy Irving
- Scott Irving
- Bob Knupp

(Due to some technical difficulties, I don't have photos for this week's bulletin – possibly next week.)

Help Wanted! Our club is looking for someone to chair – or co-chair – SpringFest for next year. Although it's more than a year away, in building our budget for next year the board needs to know if we can count on the significant revenue that SpringFest brings in.

- Disadvantage of following in Sari & Jim's footsteps: you'd be following in Sari & Jim's footsteps.
- Advantage of following in Sari & Jim's footsteps: they've created a well-oiled machine and you can just follow their directions as to what to do.

Please think about whether you could commit to leading at least some aspect of next year's community celebration.

Foundation BASEBALL! (from our Foundation Chair Nicole Albert) – A very generous member of our club has come up with a very fun way to raise money and socialize while enjoying a baseball game and maybe even a SeaDog Biscuit if we're lucky!

On Wednesday, July 31 at 6:00 pm, we have two adjoining boxes reserved at Hadlock Field donated to us to use as a fundraiser specifically for PolioPlus. The boxes will hold 44 people, and we are going to "sell" the tickets the same way we "sell" entry into the Football Pool. The minimum donation will be \$40 per ticket. You will either go online and

make a donation of at least \$40 per ticket (designating it specifically for PolioPlus), or give me a check made out to the Rotary Foundation (if you can remember, put Polio Plus in the memo line) to send in for you, in order to secure your place. \$40 is the minimum donation, but the SKY IS THE LIMIT.

Note that the game on July 31 has been designated as “Maine Strong Night” and the Sea Dogs will be honoring the Lewiston victims and first responders.

It’s still pretty early, but what we’re asking you to do now is to let me know - shoot me an email or text me and let me know if you think you’re going to want to go and how many tickets you need. When we get closer to the date, we will be reminding you again and asking you to confirm whether you’ve made the donation to secure your place.

(Editor’s somewhat related note – many of us remember Emma Tiedemann, the “Voice of the Sea Dogs,” who spoke to our club about a year ago. She had a baby girl this spring and her sidekick from last year, Rylee Pay, is back to cover for her. So this has to be some kind of a first in baseball – a female announcer filling in for another announcer while she’s on maternity leave!)

Step Right Up! – The next time we hold our lobsterbake at the picnic shelter, we won’t need to pick our way up the precarious trail from the parking lot – there are some gorgeous new granite steps at Fort Williams leading up to the shelter. The town of Cape Elizabeth paid for most of the work but our club had made a commitment to help with the cost of the project a few years ago and so we are making a donation of \$7,500.

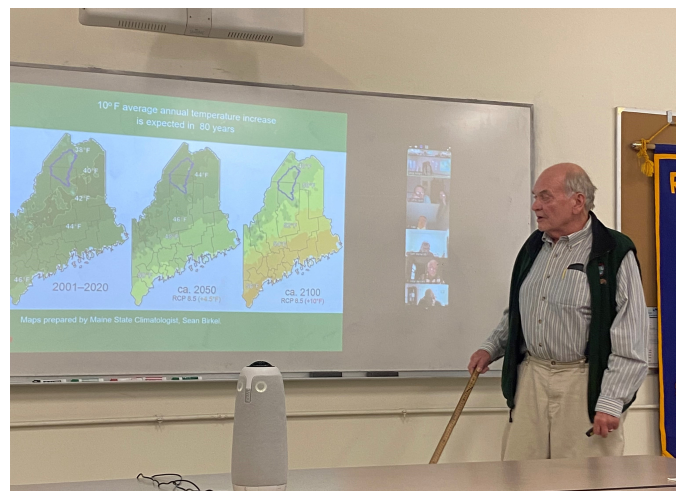


Farewell to a Legend – We’ve all heard of Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin, but John Sever? Dr. John Sever, who passed away last week, was a Rotary District Governor and just as importantly, he was the chief of the Infectious Diseases Branch at the National Institutes of Health in the 1980s. In anticipation of celebrating Rotary’s 75th anniversary in 1980, the Rotary Foundation developed a 3-H Fund (Health, Hunger and Humanity) and they wanted to tackle a big project. RI President Sir Clem Renouf asked Dr. Sever if there was a disease that could be eliminated, and his reply was “If a single vaccine were to be selected for the 3-H program, I would recommend poliomyelitis.” And the rest is history. But it wasn’t that simple – in the early years of Rotary’s fight to eradicate polio, the chief opponent was not the virus itself but the skepticism of the global public health community that a mass immunization campaign could be effective. Had it not been for the efforts in the 1980s of pioneers such as Dr. Sever, Dr. Sabin and RI President Carlos Canseco, chances are that polio would still be rampant in many countries. *(For those interested in the fascinating story of the early years of the polio campaign, I highly recommend Rotary and the Gift of a Polio-Free World, volume I – let me know if you want to borrow it.)*

The Allagash! - Our speaker this week was Chris Sphe’s college roommate at Bowdoin, Paul Johnson. But Paul didn’t drive down from Oakland to spill the tea about Chris. He spoke about the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, whose fisheries were his responsibility in his 35-year career with Maine Inland Fish & Wildlife. Some facts he shared with us about the Allagash:

- ✓ The Allagash Wilderness Waterway is a 92-mile system of lakes and river.
- ✓ The Allagash watershed consists of 1.1 million acres, which would be the size of 40 Maine townships.
- ✓ About 90% of the watershed is privately owned (with the waterway itself being owned by the state)
- ✓ It is 60 miles from the nearest public roads.
- ✓ It is the largest undeveloped watershed east of the Rocky Mountains.
- ✓ The Allagash wetlands are in near pristine condition and support a rich diversity of plants.
- ✓ The Allagash supports 1/3 of Maine’s 1,500 native plant species – and there are almost no invasives.
- ✓ Bird populations are actually **increasing** in the Allagash.

This was a fascinating talk engendering lots of questions – thanks, Chris & Ellie, for persuading your friend to speak with us!



Bob's April Rotary Magazine Quiz:

1. After April 4, 1968 when Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, someone said the following in a speech: "I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling as if I had a member of my family killed." Who was that speaker?
 - a. Lyndon Johnson
 - b. Estes Kefauver
 - c. William Westmoreland
 - d. Robert Kennedy
2. My son's father-in-law is a great Irishman from Scarborough by the name of John Cunningham. There is another John Cunningham involved in RI. What does he do?
 - a. Provides annual audits for the Foundation
 - b. Acts as RI's liaison to District Governors
 - c. Shows up at SP-CE's tree lots on special occasions
 - d. Serves as editor of the Rotary magazine
3. Taiwan is an archipelago consisting of how many islands?
 - a. 4
 - b. 40
 - c. 90
 - d. 105
4. Which of the following is not a country in the Southeast Asia grouping of that region by the World Health Organization (WHO)?
 - a. Bangladesh
 - b. Timor-Leste
 - c. India
 - d. Indonesia
 - e. Philippines
 - f. Nepal
 - g. North Korea
 - h. Sri Lanka
 - i. Thailand

Bonus Question: Victor Fleming, RI Crossword Puzzle guru, has a clue at 37 across (page 62) which reads: "April is _____ Month for Rotary (13 letters long). What is the answer?"

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