

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**May 15, 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 17-18 – **SPRINGFEST!!**

**May 18, 5-7:30 (I think)** – Supper at the Lions Club, 1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth

**May 18, 6:30 – 10:30** – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Feeding Neighbors in Need” concert to benefit South Portland Food Cupboard at Aura (121 Center Street, Portland), featuring the Don Campbell Band (note that this will be your 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity of the day to hear Don Campbell since he will be performing at SpringFest at 1:00!). Tickets are \$40 at the door or \$35 in advance (at SPFC website).

**May 19** – Graduation at SMCC – congratulations to all graduates!

**May 20, 7 p.m.** – Club Finance Committee meeting via Zoom (let Dave Bagdasarian know if you are not a committee member but would like to attend)

**May 21, 7 p.m.** – Board meeting in our classroom at SMCC (all are welcome)

**May 22** – SpringFest Debrief

**May 23, 5:30 – 7:30** – Work party at South Portland Food Cupboard – see Brent’s email to sign up online – or just show up!

**May 29** – NO MEETING

**May 30, 11:30** – Cape Elizabeth Public Works Luncheon at CE Fire Station

**June 1** – RYLA Clean-up Day at Camp Hinds

**June 5** – Club vote on Revised Bylaws AND a Vocational talk from Tom Meyers. Note that we will also have an opportunity for dining at this meeting – we’ll be having pizza in the classroom.

**June 12** – Maggie Catanese, Vet2Vet Maine

**June 19** – NO MEETING

**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 26** – “Changeover” – stay tuned for details.

**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 24** – Lobsterbake

**July 31** – Foundation Baseball. Let Nicole know if you think you may be coming – but you don’t need to make a firm commitment yet. Tickets are in Skyboxes Ramirez & Renteria. Cost = \$40 (or more!) donation to PolioPlus.

**May 22 Duties**

Opening Words – Britt

Raffle Gift – Leasure

**June 5 Duties**

Opening Words – Butterworth

Raffle Gift – LoBosco

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

## What's New With Our Members

*Thank you to President-Elect Nancy Irving for running our meeting this week in President Dan's absence.*

*Happy Birthday to*

 *Mike Geneseo (May 20)*

 *Michele Danois (May 31)*

*Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia on May 19 - 40 years!!*

*Congratulations to Laurenz for winning the raffle prize of a gift certificate to Tandem Coffee donated by Rupa. Nice to have you with us in person, Laurenz!*

*Thank you to Sue LoBosco's parents who made a donation of \$1,000 toward our club's charitable activities!!*

**Dues Increase Approved** – At our meeting this week, we ratified the board's decision to increase annual dues to \$200/member. The largest part of our dues are the dues that the club pays to Rotary International. If the club dues present a cash flow issue for you, please contact secretary Kathy Cotter who has the authority to make alternative arrangements.

**The Man (and Woman) in the Arena** – For her opening words, Tiffanie recounted the starfish story which many are familiar with (and always inspiring) and also provided this quotation from Theodore Roosevelt, dated April 23, 1910 called "The Man in the Arena:"

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is not effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

I'm not sure if she had our SpringFest co-chairs Jim and Sari in mind when she selected this but as I typed it out, it struck me that they are our man and woman in the arena right now. Let's hope there's no "sweat and blood" involved tomorrow and Saturday, but they definitely have "great enthusiasms" and I'm sure that they will experience the "triumph of high achievement" when the community comes out to participate in SpringFest!

Our meeting this week was a preview of SpringFest. You'd have to be living under a rock to not know that it's this weekend, and that it's gnome-themed, so I won't delve into it here. These are our "marching orders" from co-chair Jim Britt:

**"We plan to overwhelm with kindness and fun, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. From the moment you arrive, you'll be greeted with warm smiles and a welcoming atmosphere that embodies the Rotary spirit of community and generosity."**

**Crossing Party Lines to Eradicate Polio** – At last week's meeting, Mike McGovern mentioned that he had been at a reception at the Capitol to recognize Congressional leaders who had been supportive of the effort to eradicate polio. Among the honorees were our own Representative Chellie Pingree and former Rotary International employee Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois. Also in attendance was Senator Mitch McConnell who spoke about his own experience as a polio survivor. Mike commented on the fact that there were members of both parties at the event but everyone put aside partisan issues for this event, and wouldn't it be nice if they – and everyone – did that more often.



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