

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 22, 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 29 – NO MEETING

May 30, 11:30 – Cape Elizabeth Public Works Luncheon at CE Fire Station (see signup online)

June 1 – RYLA Clean-up Day at Camp Hinds

June 5 – Club vote on Revised Bylaws AND a program about Yard South (this is a change from Tom Meyers vocational talk). Note that we will also have an opportunity for dining at this meeting – we'll be having pizza in the classroom.

June 8 – Family Fun Day at Fort Williams.

June 12 – Maggie Catanese, Vet2Vet Maine

June 18, 7 p.m. – Board meeting at SMCC

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. \$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 – “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.

June 5 Duties

Opening Words – Butterworth
Raffle Gift – LoBosco

June 12 Duties

Opening Words –
Raffle Gift –

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

Opening Words – In his opening words, Jim Britt expressed his profound appreciation for all the volunteers who participated in SpringFest, who are the “backbone of our event’s success.”

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Michele Danois (May 31)*

 *Tiffanie Bentley (June 7)*

 *Bill Anderson (June 10)*

Congratulations to ME (Nancy H) for winning a Shaws gift certificate courtesy of Mark Leasure.

And speaking of Mark, congratulations to him on the birth of a new granddaughter!

Congratulations to Bill & Diane Anderson, who were scheduled to move to Connecticut this fall due to their apartment being converted to a condo, but they just learned from their landlord that they can live in South Portland for an extra year - hooray!

Lots of Get Well Wishes (☹)!

- ❖ To Bob Hanson, who had a stroke recently but President Dan reports that he seems to be doing quite well and may be home by the time you read this.*
- ❖ To Adrienne who fell at the Vatican and had shoulder surgery in Rome - hope you're able to salvage some of your vacation, Adrienne!*

- ❖ To our zone's Rotary International Director Drew Kessler and his wife Vicki who were both seriously injured in the Singapore Airlines incident that was in the news this week. They each had successful surgery in Bangkok for broken bones in their back (Vicki) and neck (Drew). Fortunately their two children who were also heading to the RI convention were not injured and the family is allowed to stay together in the hospital. (Thank you to Mike McGovern who passed on this information from Drew's FB posts.)*

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Dover on its 100th anniversary!

Guests: Joining us were Bill York from Wales, and Jamey Chamberlin (presumably from Cape Elizabeth)

Scholarships! – Kathy Cotter announced that once again we had a group of outstanding applicants for our high school scholarships. Fourteen students were interviewed and all were awarded \$2,000 scholarships – 8 from CEHS and 6 from SPS. Thank you to Kathy and Nicole and Mike Geneseo, who helped interview the students.

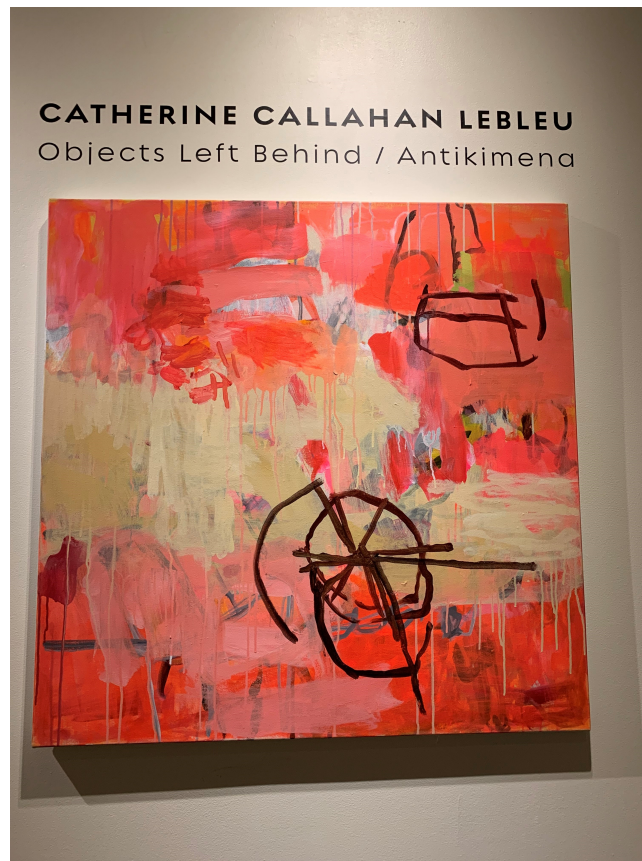
\$50 Voucher – Our current Rotary year is fast approaching the end so if you have not yet used your \$50 “Peter Cotter” voucher, please consider donating \$50 to an individual or group in need and ask Nancy Irving to reimburse you (no proof needed).

More About the RI Board – The get well wishes above mention the director from our zone. So for those not familiar with the board/zone structure, here’s how it works. The Rotary world is divided into 34 geographic zones. Each zone is paired with another zone and the paired zones are entitled to be represented by one director on the RI board of directors (so 17 zone directors plus the president and president-elect make up the RI Board). The directors serve a 2-year term and alternate between zones. We are in Zone 32, which is made up of most of New England, New Jersey part of New York, and Pennsylvania, Bermuda & parts of Canada. We are paired with Zone 28, which consists of parts of Maine, Michigan and New York and Washington and Alaska as well as part of Canada. (So for instance we are in Zone 32 but Lewiston just up the road from us is in Zone 28.) Drew Kessler is a member of the North Rockland, NY Rotary club and is our current director from Zone 32, with his term ending next month. On July 1, he will be succeeded by a representative from the other zone (28) – a woman named Chris Etienne from Petoskey, Michigan. Our paired zones were represented by last year’s RI President Jennifer Jones from the Rotary club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario. And our own club has been represented on the Board by Dan Mooers and Mike McGovern.

“It Ain’t No Fluke” – SpringFest co-chair Jim Britt said that he wondered if last year’s successful event was a fluke, but he concluded otherwise. Here’s another summary of the event from a little girl at Redbank named Esmeralda who was grooving to the band’s music while she took great pains decorating her gnome hat: “This is the happiest moment of my life.” So no question that both days were a tremendous success. Jim reported that he and the city had estimated that about 3,000 people attended the event at some point. He prepared a report called “SpringFest Sponsor Recap & Success Stories” which he shared with our sponsors. Jim listed some areas that we could improve upon next year and Rotarians added their own suggestions as well. Congratulations to Jim and Sari for a fabulous job!!!



Congratulations, Catherine! – Here is one of Catherine’s paintings hanging in the lower level of the Press Hotel. The series of paintings were created last winter when she reflected on her time spent as an artist-in-residence in a remote village in Crete last summer. She said that “the paintings took on a narrative quality, that although abstract, created a story within the paintings and among them. The vibrancy and energy of the paintings are reflective of the experience.”



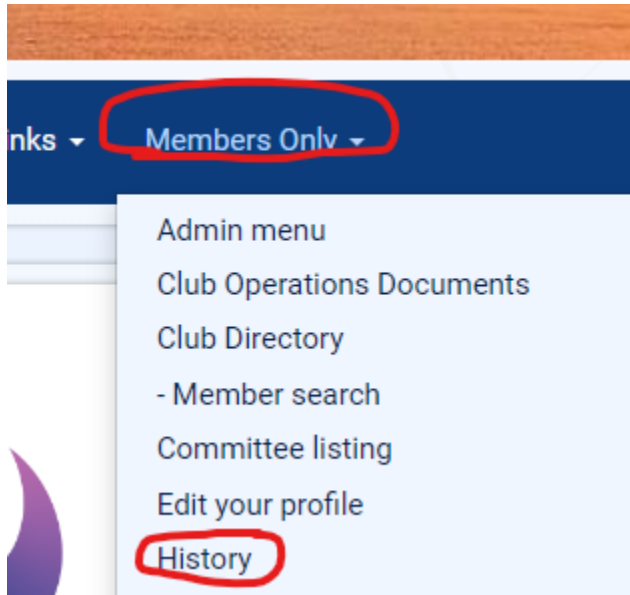
In Case You Were Wondering... - Thank you t Scott Irving who put together these instructions on how to find board minutes and financial statements on our club website in ClubRunner. Thanks, Scott!!

Board minutes and financial statements

This describes how to get to the club board minutes and financial statements.

1. You need to know your username and password; these are not public documents.

2. Starting from the home page, click on the “Members Only” menu and then select “History”.



3. The left side menu lists Club years, pick the one that you want. This example uses 2023-2024.

History by Year

[2023-2024](#)

[2022-2023](#)

4. This brings you to the history page for the selected year. Generally, there is a lot of information, but unfortunately it is not consistent.
 - a. Older years typically only have newsletters and a few other items.
 - b. More recent years have much more, including photos, presentations, board materials, thank you notes, letters, etc.
 - c. Much depends on availability of materials. Some available material isn't posted yet, volunteers welcome!
5. The point of this missive is under “Board Meetings”, so click on that item.

[History \(Yearbooks\) » 2023-2024](#)

[Welcome](#)

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6. Here's a bit about what the items are under “Board Meetings”.
 - a. This material is grouped by board meeting (i.e. month)
 - b. Again, it depends on what was available to Scott
 - c. “Board Minutes” is pretty self-explanatory.

- d. Note for the financials: The board meeting will have the books that closed at the end of the prior month, e.g. The October board meeting lists the books closed Sept 31. So, if you're interested in what happened in September, look at the October meeting.
- e. "External financials" is the finances for the charitable fund. This is an excel spreadsheet. Starting in July 2023 it was taken from QuickBooks. Prior to that it is a copy of the accounting spreadsheet that was used.
- f. "Internal Budget" are the books kept for operational costs. There is often an "Internal Summary" item, this is from the email Kathy sends with the budget file, and captures the highlights.
- g. If a director's report is available to Scott, it is posted.
- h. If any supplementary materials for the meeting are available to Scott, they are posted.
- i. The items under the "Initial" header are from the planning process.
- j. If there was a special board meeting, you may see two headers for a given month, e.g. look at April 2024.
- k. The annual reports have only been done for the past few years so most years don't have them.