

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 1, 2023**



*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change –
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Upcoming Dates:

November 4, 9:30 – 11 – District 7780 International Café “Project Palooza” – Zoom link coming from Emma Bodwell the day before.

November 6, 9:30 – A Conversation with Sen. Angus King at South Portland Community Center.. All tickets have been claimed.

November 7 – Don’t forget to vote!

November 7, 7:30 – Club Finance Committee meeting via Zoom – let Dave Bagdasarian, Sr. know if you would like the link.

November 8 – Jeff Gabrielson will be speaking about his trip to Antarctica!

November 15 – “Club Assembly” – preparations for Christmas Tree sale (sign up online for your shifts!)

November 18 – Tree Lot Setup

November 21, 7 p.m. – Board Meeting

November 22 – No Meeting

November 24 – 1st Tree Unloading & Tree Sale Starts

November 29 – Katie Shorey, Live + Work in Maine

November 8 Duties

Opening Words – Schmidt

Raffle Gift – Callahan

November 15 Duties

Opening Words – Smith

Raffle Gift – Cotter

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**
Please consider signing up for Meeting Room Setup and Owl Operation

Opening Words – President Dan read some opening words submitted by Doug Schauf about the peaks and valleys of life.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Matt McAleney (Nov 8)*

 *Nicole Albert (Nov 13)*

Congratulations to Adrienne & Steve Murphy (Nov 12 - 35 years!)

Congratulations to David Lourie on winning a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware donated by Frank Butterworth.

Thank you to Kathy Cotter and Nancy Irving for arranging flowers and cake to celebrate our visit from District Governor Marion Cheney and her husband Harry.



Congratulations John LoBosco! – According to Commissioner Chuck, “the fix was not in; and The Consigliere won fair and square! The Monday night score totaled 40, and John’s 46 was closer than Dave Three Bags Full Jr (28) and Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y (48).” Neither Chuck nor John was able to be at the meeting so I don’t have a photo of the trophy presentation but here’s a photo of John.



Unfortunately our scheduled speaker Cape Elizabeth Town Manager Matt Sturgis was forced to cancel due to an unforeseen special meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. (This gave us extra time to enjoy the cake!)

Our District Governor! - Before beginning her remarks, DG Marion Cheney presented our club with a certificate recognizing our collective donations to PolioPlus:



She then related her own personal journey with Rotary, beginning 37 years ago when she visited the Shenandoah Valley Rotary Club in Virginia. They refused to allow her to join because not only was she female, but as bad as that is, she was also a Yankee!! Her next experience of Rotary was in a Florida club in which most of the officers were women; needless to say she was welcomed there. She is currently a member of the Dover club, which is her third Rotary club; her husband Harry is also a member.

This was Marion's 8th club visit this week (out of a total of 11 this week!). Why does she bother? Well, of course there's the obvious benefit of getting to visit the SP-CE Rotary club!!! A district governor has the opportunity to lead others to effect change in a particular area. Marion described how President Gordon McNally's story of his brother's suicide led her to want mental health to be a priority in our district. To that end, she spurred the creation of the RAGMHI in our district which I described in last week's bulletin; its purpose is to de-stigmatize talking about mental health. It now has a board of directors, chaired by our own Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien. They are looking for an ambassador from each club, and are looking for ways to collaborate with the Recovery Initiative in our district. Following Marion's presentation, Kiley shared with us her passion for mental health and her enthusiasm about the district embracing this initiative.

The District Governor also chooses the country where the Rotary Foundation-funded district Outreach team travels to. She described the safe houses that Rotarians in Poland have established so that children from Ukraine would have a place to go to escape the war. Our district's Outreach team this year will be going to Poland to learn about opportunities for us to provide assistance to these safe houses. The district received 20 applications for the 5 or 6 positions on the team.

Marion also gave us a heads up that there will be a Peace Concert from 2-3:30 on February 17 at Noble High School. Proceeds will be earmarked for an endowment fund for peace. A videotape of the concert will be presented as a gift to the Rotary Peace Center which will open in Istanbul in 2025.

In appreciation of her visit, President Dan presented Marion with a check to be used to help with the start-up expenses of the RAGMHI. (Our club will also be donating \$1,500 towards the cost of getting a website set up for the new RAG.)



Bob's November Quiz –

1. Which Director of RI has the longest name and is from what country?
Antonio Henrique Barbosa de Vasconcelos – from Brazil

2. Moshchun, Ukraine, about 15 miles northwest of Kiev, was severely bombed in the initial phase of the war by the Russians. Over 70% of its buildings were destroyed. What novel idea is being used to provide shelter? What is the cost per unit?
 - a. Pup tents at under \$50
 - b. Old station wagons at about \$100
 - c. Modular Homes at \$12,500 – they contain a kitchen, bunk beds and bathroom with shower and toilet.
 - d. Surplus Small Living Units donated without cost by Rotary
3. Suicide is a worldwide problem. Over 700,000 persons die each year. How many in the U.S.?
 - a. 20,000
 - b. 50,000 (half by using a gun)
 - c. 67,000
 - d. 83,000
4. You are lucky enough to be in Singapore for the RI Convention and learning about its foods. What time of the day will you be eating dim sum?
 - a. Breakfast – it is a quick breakfast of 2 or 3 things along with tea (yum cha)
 - b. Lunch
 - c. Dinner
 - d. Cocktail Hour
5. Bonus Question: Victor Fleming, the crossword guy, has a 14-letter club at 51 across: “Rotary Foundation Goal.” What is the answer? ERADICATE POLIO

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH

Officers

President – Dan McDonald
 President-Elect – Nancy Irving
 Vice-President – *in transition*
 Secretary – Kathy Cotter
 Treasurer – *position open*

Directors

Club Administration – Mike Tranfaglia
 Youth Services – Kiley Wilkens-O’Brien
 Community Services – Sari Greene
 International Services/Foundation – Hannah Olshansky
 Membership – Matt McAleney
 Director-At-Large – Jim Britt

Committee Chairs

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Program Chair – Chris Speh

Club Protection Officer – Bob Knupp

DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH

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Gordon McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland