

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 29, 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:

December 6 – Calvin Klopp, Harbor Pilot

December 9, 9-12 – Breakfast with Santa at SMCC – see flyer below.

December 13 – Trevor Putnoky, Healthcare Purchaser Alliance of Maine

Next meeting after that is January 3.

December 6 Duties

Opening Words – E. Spoh
Raffle Gift – Danois

December 13 Duties

Opening Words – Sprague
Raffle Gift – DeGennaro

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

Opening Words – Since it's getting dark earlier, Chris Speh shared the lyrics to the Solstice Song by Jan Garrett.

Deep in the darkest winter night,
Here with my candle burning.
Cozy and warm inside the light,
Now that the year is turning.

What does the future hold in store?
Where has our journey brought us?
How can we learn from what's gone before?
What has experience taught us?

Friendship will light the darkest hours
True love will hold the vision.
Peace and goodwill on earth is ours.
Let it be our decision.



What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Adrienne Murphy (Dec. 8)





Congratulations to David Lourie who won a gift certificate to Drillen's Hardware courtesy of Bob Danielson.

Thank you to Chuck and Laurenz for donating trees that we can give away to customers who can't afford a tree.

Rotaversaries:

-  *Bob Hanson - 21 years*
-  *Frank Butterworth - 26 years*

Tree Reminders –

-  There are TWO keys under the tongue of the trailer – they are sometimes hard to find so dig around.
-  If you are closing up in the evening, make sure the cords and the iPads are inside the trailer – and please put the iPads in the insulated bag.
-  If you haven't signed up for all your shifts yet, please do so – it will relieve some of Nancy Irving's anxiety!
-  Our Deputy Club Protection Officer Nicole reminds us that if there are kids on the lot, please keep an eye on them if possible – we don't want them getting hurt on the lot. Do not take photos of them (with your own camera) without their parents' permission. **And make sure they stay away from the chainsaws.**

Foundation Football (from the Commissioner) –

- **Week 11** – Bill if it's Brown it's Down Anderson edged John (the Consigliere) LoBosco on points and became our 11th different winner in 11 weeks! With Philly's win, H-E-A-L-E-Y, Trash Talkin Nancy Hawes, and the Count of Cardiff also ended up with 10 correct picks.
- **Week 12** - In a Monday night snooze fest, the Bears stunned the Vikings, meaning Kathy Welcome Back Cotter's perfect score was not to be. She still won, edging Catherine Bar the Dorrington. With two weekly wins Kathy has taken the lead in the quest for the William York Trophy!



A Message from our Program Chair Chris Speh:

As you may know, I serve as Program Chair for the SPCE Rotary Club. In that capacity, my job is to identify speakers and book them for specific club meeting nights. I think that you will agree that 2023 was a banner year for speakers, thanks in large part to input from club members.

Late last year, the Board decided to emphasize Classification Talks in addition to outside speakers. Classification Talks are given by club members to tell others in the club a little about their careers, Rotary experiences, or perhaps a special interest or passion of theirs.

Classification Talk topics have ranged widely in content: Dee Dee Wacksman gave a talk (and dressed the part!) last year on Annie Edson Taylor, the first person to successfully plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel and survive. Earlier this year, Sue Sturtevant spoke about her career and love of libraries. Most recently, Jeff Gabrielson shared his experience in Antarctica.

A desired outcome of Classification Talks is bringing club members closer together as members get to know each other, and their interests, better.

I am now focusing on the 2024 calendar. We are looking to alternate newer members with some long-standing club veterans every other month or so, starting in January. So, ideally, I would like to schedule 6 members during the coming year, ideally 3 new members and 3 veterans. Please let me know if I can add your name to the list.

You can reach me at cspeh16@gmail.com, or by phone: 207/347-1258 if you are interested or have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

And Speaking of Excellent Programs... Chris brought us yet another program this week that helped bring us to the cutting edge of information about what's going on in our Maine community. Katie Shorey, whose day job is Director of Engagement for Live + Work in Maine, is also the founder and president of Startup Maine. Startup Maine started out as a once a year event (Maine Startup and Create Week) but it has evolved into a convener organization for founders, entrepreneurial support organizations, funders and service providers. It focuses on:

- Resource promotion (where to find funding, talent, etc.)
- Events (meetups and exhibits)
- Strategy (ecosystem development)

Katie said that a big need for startups is an inviting ecosystem, and she refers to herself as an “ecosystem builder.” She said that a big challenge is getting Maine’s story out – “we need to do more storytelling.” And she told us some great stories about Maine startups with interesting business models. She said we especially need to tell the story of Maine business in the schools so that Maine children will realize that there are interesting and lucrative jobs for them right here in Maine.



Thank you to Kiley and Sue for these pictures from Bug Light and the Tree Lot!
(And to Tony and Sam for hanging the wreath at Bug Light!)





SMCC CULINARY ARTS
STUDENTS PRESENTS:
**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

Enjoy breakfast and fun to help support the SMCC
Culinary Arts students going to Barcelona Spain!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 09**
SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE CULINARY DINING ROOM
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tickets: \$12 per person
Kids 5 and under get in free!

TICKET INCLUDES: DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
MADE BY CULINARY STUDENTS,
PHOTO WITH SANTA, COOKIE DECORATING,
RAFFLES, AND MORE!

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Portland, ME, USA

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