

# TWO LIGHTS

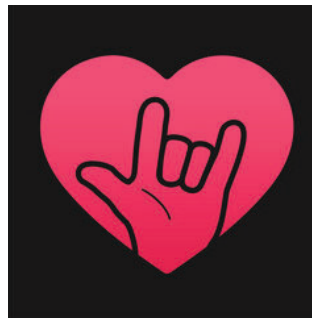
**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**October 25, 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.*

*It seems important to acknowledge the events that were happening while we were in our meeting this week. I couldn't come up with adequate words to describe our support for the Lewiston community, so it seemed appropriate to borrow this ASL sign.*



## Upcoming Dates:

**November 1** – A Two-fer!

1. Our District Governor Marion Cheney will be joining us
2. Cape Elizabeth Town Manager Matt Sturgis will also be speaking

**November 2, 5:30 - 8** – “A Light on the Point” celebration at SMCC Dining Hall

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

**November 6, 9:30** – Spend the morning of Election Day Eve with Sen. Angus King at South Portland Community Center. We are getting close to Standing Room Only so if you plan to attend and haven't registered, you should do so asap at <https://tinyurl.com/ASKRotary>.

**November 7** – Don't forget to vote!

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

**November 15** – “Club Assembly” – preparations for Christmas Tree sale. (And note that you can already sign up for your shifts!)

**November 1 Duties**

Opening Words – Schauf  
Raffle Gift – Butterworth

**November 8 Duties**

Opening Words – Schmidt  
Raffle Gift – Callahan

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

**OPENING WORDS** – President Dan shared this definition of success from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“To earn the respect of intelligent people and to win the affection of children;  
To appreciate the beauty in nature and all that surrounds us;  
To seek out and nurture the best in others;  
To give the gift of yourself to others without the slightest thought of return, for it is in giving that we receive;  
To have accomplished a task, whether it be saving a lost soul, healing a sick child, writing a book, or risking your life for a friend;  
To have celebrated and laughed with great joy and enthusiasm and sung with exaltation;  
To have hope even in times of despair, for as long as you have hope, you have life;  
To love and be loved;  
To be understood and to understand;  
To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;  
This is the meaning of success.”

**What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to Phil Dube (October 28)*

*Congratulations to Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y on winning a gift certificate to SoPo Seafood courtesy of Paul Butler!*

*Thank you to everyone who dispensed cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs at the Harvest Festival at Pond Cove School last weekend!*

**Congratulations DeeDee!** – The Vikings win on Monday night meant that Dee Dee ended the week with 10 correct picks. Finishing second with 9 correct picks were Nancy Irving, Fran, Kiley, and Hannah. I’m including 2 photos so you can fully appreciate DeeDee’s sweater (which I am totally envious of!)



**University of Michigan Alumni** - Even Ohio State Buckeyes have to admit that the “school up north” has produced some excellent alumni and our speaker this week was one of them. No, not Tom Brady but Carolyn Nishon, Executive Director of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Carolyn started with the PSO in 2008, when she said the orchestra was on the brink of folding. To get back on their feet, they stopped drawing on the endowment and focused on developing meaningful programs and partnerships. Since getting back on their feet, the orchestra has experienced a change in conductor and of course the pandemic. The PSO survived the pandemic but now they have post-pandemic financial challenges:

1. There is no more government assistance.
2. Ticket-buying patterns have changed – people are less willing to commit for an entire season; in fact the pool of subscribers shrank in half across the country following the pandemic.

The good news though is that the orchestra will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, and they are very busy planning ways to celebrate this milestone!



**RAGMHI** - Huh? What the heck does that mean? The RAG part stands for Rotary Action Group; there are several of these, each one devoted to ameliorating a particular problem (e.g. clean water, malaria, environmental sustainability). The MHI part stands for Mental Health Initiative, an emphasis of our current RI President as well as our District Governor Marion Cheney. Therefore our district is forming a District 7780 chapter of RAGMHI. Can you think of someone with a successful career in the field of mental health and a real passion for it? Of course, our own Kiley - who else would be the logical choice to be the first chair of the new district RAG! If you'd like to help get it off the ground, or just want to find out more about it, please contact Kiley.

**PolioPlus Society** - Our Assistant Governor Fran mentioned the PolioPlus Society this week because she received some certificates for its members. SP-CE members are John LoBosco, Mike McGovern, Tony Wagner and Nancy Hawes. "Joining" the Society means you pledge to give at least \$100/year to PolioPlus (if you're in the Football Pool, you're already halfway there). There is a link on the District 7780 website to the simple form to participate - join us!

**And Speaking of Polio...**

- RI PolioPlus chair Mike gave us a brief polio update, including that fact that there have been 10 cases so far this year, including one this week in Pakistan.
- Several members of our club joined the Portland club in walking across the bridge to raise awareness and then drank "Pints for Polio" at Foulmouthed Brewing. Walking were: Tom M, Sari, Rupa, Nancy H, Nancy I, Scott, President Dan & Michele. Joining for the drinking part later were Kiley & her husband Sam and John.



## **Bob's November Quiz** –

1. Which Director of RI has the longest name and is from what country?
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
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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?

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH**

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