

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

October 4, 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:

October 9, 3-5 – Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at Redbank Community Center

October 11 – Madeleine Saucier, Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition

October 17, 7 p.m. – Board Meeting

October 18 – No Meeting

October 19, 4 p.m. – 2nd Annual Bridge the Gap to End Polio bridge walk with the Portland Club, followed by Pints for Polio social. Details to come re where to meet (I went to the wrong place last year!)

October 21, 12:30 – 5:45 (2 shifts) Volunteer service opportunity to sell concessions at Pond Cove Parents Association Annual Harvest Festival (see Kiley’s sign-up email)

October 25 – Carolyn Nishon, Portland Symphony; also new meeting starting time – 6 p.m

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 6, 9:30 – Spend the morning of Election Day Eve with Sen. Angus King (a classmate of President Dan’s) at South Portland Community Center. A continental breakfast will be served. We’ll be inviting our SpringFest sponsors as well as Rotarians from area clubs. Space is limited so register now at <https://tinyurl.com/ASKRotary>.

October 11 Duties

Opening Words – Redman
Raffle Gift – Britt

October 25 Duties




Opening Words – Roberts
Raffle Gift – Butler

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**
(And this is the only thing you need to know to set up the meeting room – there are instructions inside the locker door, complete with pictures even!)

OPENING WORDS – Hannah shared some words by Adam Grant about successful givers and concluded that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts – which is certainly descriptive of our Rotary club!!

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

-  *Jeff Gabrielson - October 9*
-  *Brent Wilson - also October 9*
-  *Bob Danielson - October 15*

Happy Anniversary to Kiley & Sam Wilkens-O’Brien - October 10

Congratulations and thank you to Bill Anderson who was presented (virtually) a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)+2 pin this week by Foundation Chair Nicole Albert for his ongoing donations to our Rotary Foundation!

Congratulations to Bob Hanson for winning a raffle gift donated by Matt Best (who will be able to join us for meetings after soccer season is over!)

Thank you to Mike Tranfaglia for running the Owl this week.

Congratulations to Jim Britt for winning the 2023 Communications Award from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture! One of the reasons cited for earning this award was leading "his department's social media pages to experience 100 percent growth!" The award involved a trip to Cheyenne, cowboy hat and all (I wish we had a picture!!)

October Rotaversaries:

- 🌀 Jim Britt - 10 years*
- 🌀 Nancy Irving - 13 years*
- 🌀 Mike Tranfaglia - 14 years*
- 🌀 Sybil Riemensnider - 15 years*
- 🌀 Nancy Hawes - 32 years*
- 🌀 Mike McGovern - 37 years*
- 🌀 Tony Wagner - 41 years*

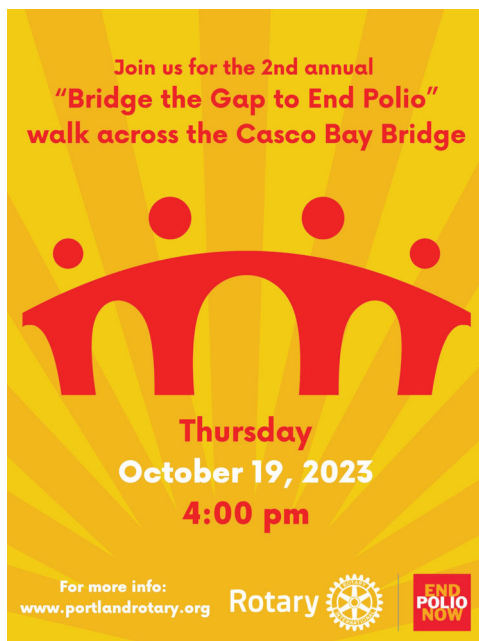
Foundation Football Pool Week #4 – Our charter member Dick Yerxa was tied with Catherine Dorrington, Sari Greene and Tom Meyers going into Monday but thanks to a Seahawks win and coming the closest in points, he took home the trophy – congratulations!! (Dick claimed it was a trick to get him to come to the meeting!!)



Duties – The dates in the online duties signups have been corrected so please sign up if you can for Meeting Room Setup and Owl Operation. THERE ARE LOTS OF OPENINGS! As I noted above, you don't need any training for the meeting room setup – the locker combination is 11-21-11 and the instructions are inside the locker door.

Island Institute – Before this week's meeting when Nicole was setting up our speaker's powerpoint, a few of us noticed that he would be speaking about right whales. We told him about the excellent program we had on this topic two months ago by Deputy Commissioner Meredith Mendelson. It turns out she's his wife! Nick Battista, Chief Policy Officer for the Island Institute, drove down from Camden to speak to us about lobstering the working waterfront and right whales. A few of the tidbits of information he shared with us:

- ✓ Lobstering provides 10,000 jobs to lobstermen and another 5,500 in the distribution supply chain.
 - ✓ Ten communities account for half of Maine’s lobster landings.
 - ✓ Lobstering communities have higher income levels than other communities with similar demographics.
 - ✓ Electric outboards have potential to significantly decrease fossil fuel consumption in the fishing industry.
 - ✓ The Island Institute has been helping lobstermen diversify by farming oysters and kelp.
- (See his full presentation slides in separate link.)*



Bob's September Rotary Magazine Quiz –

1. International President Gordon McNally suggests that if we are to succeed we should do what?
 - a) Address armed conflicts
 - b) Worry about displaced persons
 - c) Learn a new language
 - d) All of the above
2. Greenland is owned by Denmark and located above the Arctic Circle. What is its second largest city, population 6,000?
 - a) Nuuk
 - b) Nordland
 - c) Sisimiut
 - d) Thule
3. Our incoming RI President Stephanie Urchick is from Pennsylvania. What is her hometown?
 - a) Tower City
 - b) Wilkes Barre
 - c) Meadville
 - d) McMurray
4. Singapore, site of the RI Convention, with a land mass smaller than New York City, has a population of
 - a) 2.8 million
 - b) 8.3 million
 - c) 9.7 million
 - d) 5.6 million

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