

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
2023 WORLD POLIO DAY EDITION!**



*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 19, 4 p.m. – 2nd Annual Bridge the Gap to End Polio bridge walk with the Portland Club - Park and meet at 3:45 PM at the Shaw's Market parking lot (180 Waterman Drive, South Portland). After the walk, we're invited to Foulmouthed Brewing at 15 Ocean Street, South Portland for a "Pints for Polio" social event. Foulmouthed will chip in \$1 for every pint sold.

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 21, 1-4 – Community Open House and Dedication of South Portland Middle School (with dedication program at 2:15). Information sessions, student performances and tours throughout the afternoon.

October 24 – World Polio Day. Focus on Polio session by RI leaders on Zoom at 6 p.m. (See Sarah MacGillivray's email with registration link)

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

October 26, 5:30 – Food processing service opportunity at South Portland Food Cupboard

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 25 Duties

Opening Words – Roberts
Raffle Gift – Butler

November 1 Duties

Opening Words – Schauf
Raffle Gift – Butterworth

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

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Phil Dube (October 28)

Double Duty Photo! – When I ran this photo last week it was in recognition of Past President Jim’s award that he received in Wyoming where the dress code was **cowboy**. This week it’s in recognition of his winning the Foundation Football pool for week #6 – he was leading as of Sunday and retained his lead due to the win by the **COWBOYS!!!!**



Haunted Hotel!! – Next week (Thursday and Friday, 10/26 & 27), the Events Management class at SMCC invites us (and all your family and friends!) to a Haunted Hotel at the McKernan Center. The 26th is also Food Cupboard night so consider working at the Food Cupboard and then rewarding yourself with some fun at the Haunted Hotel!



How Did We Do Last Year?? – Our club and our entire district were incredibly generous to The Rotary Foundation last year. Here’s how the numbers shook out:

Annual Fund

- \$ SP-CE - \$18,137
- \$ District 7780 - \$343,559

(We were the #4 club in the district – behind a couple larger clubs as well as one club with a **very** generous donor.)

PolioPlus

- \$ SP-CE - #9,268
- \$ District 7780 - \$86,703

(We were the #2 club in the district, thanks in part to Foundation Football.)

In addition to this, Mike McGovern attended the Zone Institute last month and learned this about our district giving:

“At Toronto this weekend it was thrilling to hear that 7780 was tops in the zone last Rotary year in annual giving, in per capita annual giving and total giving. We were also the only district in the two paired zones where every club gave something to TRF. The only one!”

(The extraordinary donation to fund a new Peace Center is included in the total giving figure, but not the annual giving numbers – so even without that donation our district was a superstar!)

And speaking of the Zone Institute, here are some familiar faces who attended:

- ❖ Mike McGovern, RI PolioPlus Chair
- ❖ Brenda Cressey, former TRF Trustee and more importantly former SP-CE member
- ❖ Emma Bodwell, District Governor in 2 years and whom you probably recognize as the host of the International Service Cafes
- ❖ Bob MacKenzie, District Governor next year and the driving force behind the District's very successful Recovery Conference
- ❖ Marion Cheney, our current District Governor, who will be at our club in 2 weeks
- ❖ Marty Helman, current Trustee, who has visited our club on many occasions.



Polio History:

1894 – The first major documented polio outbreak occurs in Vermont; 18 deaths are reported.

1905 – Swedish physician Ivar Wickman suggests that polio is a contagious disease that can spread from person to person, even if someone has no symptoms

1908 – Two physicians in Vienna (Karl Landsteiner & Erwin Popper) discover that polio is caused by a virus.

1916 – A major polio outbreak in NYC kills over 2,000 people.

1929 – The iron lung is invented.

1955 – A vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk is declared “safe and effective.”

1960 – The US government licenses the oral polio vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin

1979 – Rotary begins its fight against polio with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.

1985 – RI launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative

1994 – the Americas are polio free

2000 – the Western Pacific region – from Australia to China – is declared polio free

2014 – India is certified to be polio free

2020 – WHO certifies Africa as polio free

Where We Are Now:

	<u>Afghanistan</u>	<u>Pakistan</u>
2020	56	84
2021	4	1
2022	2	20
2023	6	3

Flight to End Polio – This summer I reported on the progress of the two pilots who flew around the world in a tiny airplane to raise funds for PolioPlus. They recently spoke to the Damariscotta-Newcastle club and told firsthand about the ups and downs (pun intended?) of their trip. The most harrowing moment was when they were over the Pacific Ocean and their calculations told them that they did not have enough gas to reach Hawaii. They frantically re-did the math and found their error – they actually had enough gas to go an extra hour. But YIKES – can you imagine!!

At one of their stops they were asked if they hoped that polio would be eradicated soon. Their listeners were aghast when the initial response was “no.” But the full response was: “We don’t have hope that we will end polio in the near future... we BELIEVE we will end polio!”



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