

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 23, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

Pickleball – dates may vary - contact Dave Bagdasarian Sr. if you're interested in participating.

April 28-30 – Bug Light Student Open House, guides needed – see signup sheets for morning slots (which are not quite the same each day)

April 30 – Vocational Talk – Catherine Dorrington

May 7 – World Cultures Day at South Portland Middle School – email Sari if you're interested in helping out (she'll send you the details)

May 7 – Patrick Fox, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager (last night dining hall is open until fall)

May 14 – Club Internal Business – Springfest!

May 16 & 17 – SPRINGFEST Party at Redbank (Friday) and Mill Creek Park (Saturday)

May 17 – Lions Club Chicken Dinner

May 21 – NO MEETING

May 28 – Judge Bill Kayatta

May 31 – District Celebration at Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport – registration link available on District 7780 website

June 19 – SPCE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Price of admission = \$40 (or more!) donation to PolioPlus – give your check to Nicole, or let her know that you're sending it in yourself.

April 30 Duties

Opening Words – Nadeau
Raffle Gift – Cotter
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

May 7 Duties

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Raffle Gift – Danielson
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
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Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**

President Nancy's Questions of the Week **How do you want to have fun with club members?**

Opening Words - Paul Smith spoke about the importance of believing in people.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Get well wishes to Dave Bagdasarian, Sr. following back surgery - Jeff G. spoke to him recently and said that he is in good spirits (but no doubt disappointed not to be playing pickleball!)

Congratulations to Tony Wagner who won a gift certificate to DiMillo's courtesy of Paul Butler

Thank you to everyone who helped at the South Portland Food Cupboard this week:

- ❖ *Marti Meyers*
- ❖ *Tom Meyers*
- ❖ *Bill Anderson*
- ❖ *Jeff Gabrielson*
- ❖ *Tony Wagner*
- ❖ *Brent Wilson*

Guests – We were joined this week by Elizabeth McLellan, founder and Executive Director of Partners for World Health – she joined us to learn more about global grants since the club is interested in partnering with them on a global grant application to provide medical equipment and training in Uganda.

Miscellaneous Club News: –

- Sari is leading our club's effort to apply for a district grant to purchase a walk-in refrigerator for the South Portland Food Cupboard since they will have space for an additional fridge in their new location.
- We are planning to paint Bug Light – the cost will be less if we do some of the prep work ourselves so be aware that you might see an email requesting a work party.
- Nicole reported that as part of our Hometown Heroes celebration at SpringFest (in which we will be awarding Paul Harris Fellows), retired SP City Clerk Linda Cohen has been added to the list of honorees, along with the SP & CE fire and police chiefs. (The other CE honoree, Jim Huebner, will be recognized at a later date due to a scheduling conflict.)
- The board voted to keep the club dues at the same level (\$200/year)
- We have a whopping 19 students going to RYLA this year – 10 from CEHS and 9 from SPS (ten is the maximum that we are allowed to send because the program does not permit multiple students from the same school being in the same group).
- We are looking into purchasing another Owl, much to the delight of Bill Lohrman and others who regularly attend meetings via Zoom.
- Our International Service Director Hannah will be resigning from the board at the end of this Rotary year due to time commitments with her new job (congratulations, Hannah!). Let Dan McDonald know if you have any interest in getting involved in the international activities that our club is involved in. And “international” also involves a lot of local service such as volunteering at Partners for World Health and all the Rotary Foundation activities our club is involved in.
- Also resigning from the board at the end of this Rotary year will be Sari, as she is a Florida resident now. Let Dan or Peter know if you have an interest in the Community Service area – Sari will help with the transition.

Guide to Global Grants – Our speakers this week were Carolyn & Peter Johnson from the Yarmouth Rotary Club. Both of them are Past District Governors and they both have a LONG list of Rotary and community credentials, which Chris Speh recounted. They were at our meeting this week however to talk about Global Grants – Carolyn is our district's Global Grants Chair and incredibly knowledgeable about them. She also serves as the chair of The Rotary Foundation's “cadre” of experts in the field of education and literacy. She shared with us these characteristics of global grants:

- ❖ Must have strong Rotary leadership and involvement;
- ❖ Must be sustainable;
- ❖ Must have measurable results;
- ❖ Must align with one of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus;

- ❖ Involves a partnership between two clubs in two countries: a host club where the project will take place and an international partner;
- ❖ Can be a humanitarian project, a vocational service team or support graduate studies;
- ❖ Must have a budget of at least \$30,000;
- ❖ Must be based on a community assessment of the community's needs;
- ❖ Are funded by a combination of money from one or more clubs, one or more districts (funds allocated to the district from The Rotary Foundation) and The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

Carolyn's main piece of advice to anyone interested in applying for a global grant was to "read the rules!" She said that The Rotary Foundation wants to give away money for worthwhile projects so if you can come up with the funds and read the rules in applying for a grant, then you shouldn't have to worry about it being accepted.



Check it out! - Bug Light has its own website to celebrate its 150th anniversary – Buglight150.org





Bug Light 150 Celebration Hosts

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And finally – tying together our speaker Carolyn’s passion for literacy and planning for the Bug Light anniversary – Sue Sturtevant was at a planning meeting at the South Portland Community Center this week and snapped this photo of the Little Free Library there that our club funded! And she’ll be supplementing the stock if there are children’s books left over from SpringFest.



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