

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 30, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

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

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 4 – Dee Dee Wacksman & Tom Meyers, Cape Elizabeth Historical Society (we'll be meeting at their location at Fort Williams – feel free to bring a picnic supper to the picnic shelter beforehand!)

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.

May 7 Duties

Opening Words – C Speh
Raffle Gift – Danielson
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

May 14 Duties

Opening Words – E Speh
Raffle Gift – Danois
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

President Nancy's Question of the Week:

I was distracted starting the Zoom meeting so I didn't write down the question but it was something like "What community member do you think we should honor as a Paul Harris Fellow?"

Opening Words - Jill Nadeau shared some words that have been attributed to Pope Francis but on researching she found that's not correct. But no doubt he would have agreed with the sentiment!

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Sybil is home now and improving every day - she expressed her appreciation for all the cards she received from Rotarians.

Congratulations to Kathy Cotter who won a gift certificate to Amato's donated by - herself!!

Happy Anniversary to Tiffanie & Jim Bentley! (May 5)

Welcome back from Florida, DeeDee!

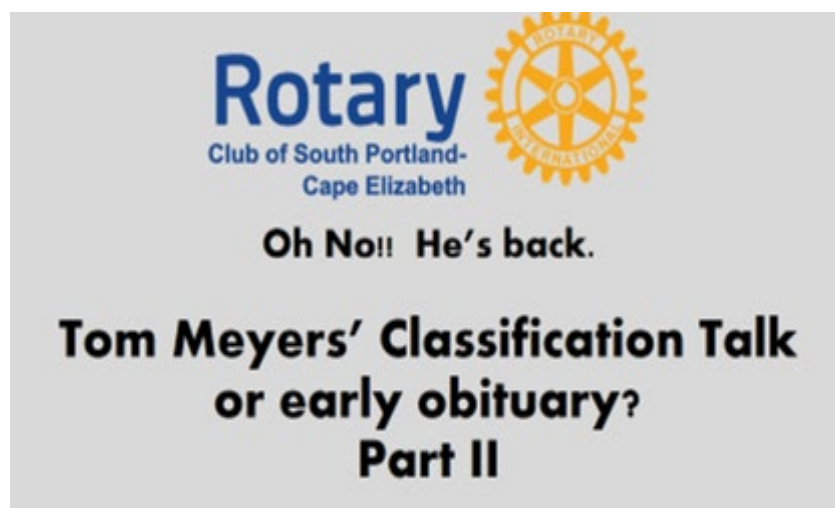
THANK YOU to everyone who helped show off Bug Light to the South Portland first-graders last week. It was a huge hit with the kids and it sounds like everyone involved found it very fulfilling!

May Rotaversaries:

- ⚙️ *Tiffanie Bentley - 4 years*
- ⚙️ *Catherine Callahan - 13 years*
- ⚙️ *Peter Bennett - 16 years (many of them in NH)*

Guests – *We were joined this week by John LoBosco's nephew David, who lives in Colorado but was in Portland on business and had the opportunity to stay with the LoBoscos for a few days. He described John as a "Rotary evangelist!"*

The REST of the Story – We've all been waiting with bated breath to hear about the rest of Tom Meyers' career path and we finally got the opportunity to hear about it this week. Here are some of the slides from Tom's powerpoint presentation.





**U.S. Coast Guard Group Portland
(South Portland, Maine)**

**Shore based surface operations on coast of
New Hampshire and Maine to Port Clyde.**

**Partnerships and alliances with federal,
state and local agencies.**

National Incident Command System.

**Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety a high
priority.**



After retiring from the Coast Guard, Tom went to work for the City of South Portland, where he stressed that “every body counts” – i.e. every bus driver was important and needed.

**City of South Portland
Director of Transportation and Waterfront**



- **Day-to-day – South Portland Bus Service.**
- **Emergency Management**
Director added after 9/11
- **Managed four municipal waterfront properties.**
- **Liaison with waterfront property businesses.**
- **Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Task Force.**

And after retiring from the city, he consulted for the Maine Dept. of Transportation:



And as we all know, Tom goes over and above in volunteering for the community and for Rotary:







Willing Rotary Volunteer

Past Community Service Director x 2

Past Club Administration Director x 2

Public Works Luncheons

Seniors Luncheons

Bug Light

Tree Lot

Parking – GOTR and Land Trust

Car Cruise for Cancer

Bridge 4-miler Road Race

Bike Rally

Winterfest - Springfest

Some ad-hoc policy stuff




Tom summed everything up with the reasons he joined Rotary (and the Boy Scouts, high school clubs, the Coast Guard, etc.)

Reasons joined Rotary

Values

- Service Above Self**
- Four-way test**
- Relationships**
- Community Service**

Rotary

Club of South Portland-
Cape Elizabeth



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

Officers

President – Nancy Irving
President-Elect – Peter Bennett
Vice-President – Chuck Redman
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Marge Dugan

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg
Youth Services – Ray Healey
Community Services – Sari Greene
International Services/Foundation – Hannah Olshansky
Membership – Scott Irving
Director-At-Large – Dan McDonald

Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Matt McAleney
SpringFest – Jim Britt
Program Chair – Chris Speh
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert
Social Media - Matt McAleney
Publicity – Jim Britt
Web Administrator – Scott Irving
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Club Protection Officer – Bob Knupp

DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Bob MacKenzie, Rotary Club of Kennebunk

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania

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