

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 14, 2024**



Upcoming Dates:

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

August 20, 8-9 a.m. – Gardening at Bug Light Park

August 21 – NO MEETING

August 22, 5:30 – 7:30 – Volunteer at South Portland Food Cupboard (as noted last week – even though this opportunity and the meeting below seem to conflict, it's very possible to do both!)

August 22, 5-6 – District 7780 Public Image Committee meeting. Our Assistant Governor Fran says that there is no commitment involved – it will just be brainstorming. And last year she was the only one who attended some of the meetings so she'd really like some company! The meeting is via zoom – see Brenda Pollock's email for the link or ask Fran to forward it to you.

August 27 – Club Board meeting via Zoom. Let President Nancy know if you're not a Board member but would be interested in attending.

August 28 – Cathy Chapman, No Yard South. The SMCC Dining Hall will be open again for this meeting!

September 4, 3:30 – 7:30 – Bug Light Open House for Bug Light Car Show.

September 4 – Perry Newman, Konbit Sante

September 11 – Club Strategic Plan Update

September 14, 9-3 – Bug Light Open House for Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 28 – 3rd Annual Recovery Conference at Noble High School in North Berwick.

November 6 – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

August 28 Duties

Opening Words – Dugan

Raffle Gift – Murphy

September 4 Duties

Opening Words – Filieo

Raffle Gift – Olshansky

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

President Nancy's Question of the Week:
What went right today?

Opening Words –

“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer but the right answer.” – John F. Kennedy

And from Mark Twain:

“The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog.”

“If ignorance is bliss, why isn't the world happier?”

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to


 *Tony Wagner on August 24*

 *DeeDee Wacksman on September 2*

Happy Anniversary to

 *Jeff & Linda Gabrielson - 49 years on August 16*

 *Dave & Megan Bagdasarjian - 7 years on August 19*

 *John & Sue LoBosco - 38 years on August 31*

Congratulations to Chuck for winning a gift certificate to SoPo Seafood donated by Tom Meyers, and to Tony for winning a grilling tool.

Our healing wishes go out to Bug Light keeper Jack Roberts!

Thank you to Jim Britt for agreeing to do publicity for our club!

Congratulations to Anne Swift-Kayatta who was presented with a PHF+4 pin by Foundation chair Nicole in recognition of her generosity to The Rotary Foundation!

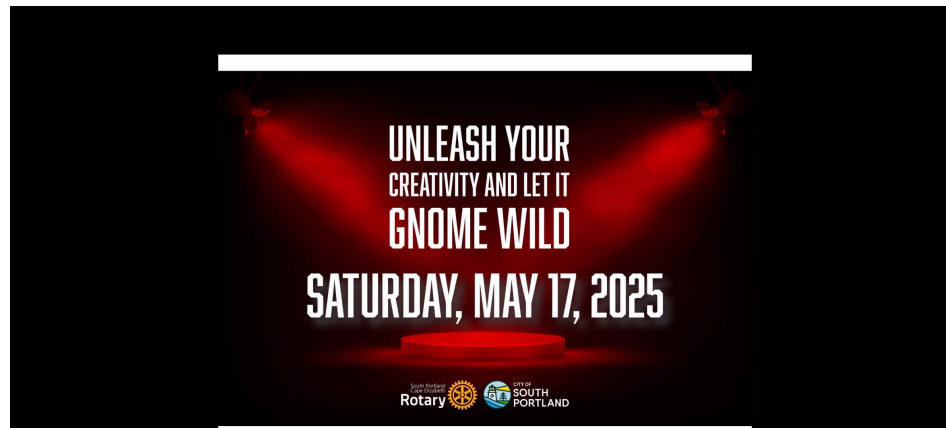


Congratulations to Voice of the SeaDogs Emma Tiedemann who spoke to our club last year and stopped by to visit us at the July 31 game. She and her sidekick Rylee Pay will be doing play-by-play during the middle innings of the Red Sox game on Monday, August 26 (2nd game of the doubleheader)!

SpringFest!!! – On behalf of our club and everyone involved in SpringFest, Jim Britt presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to Matt Barnard, Branding Specialist at Portland Radio Group and Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Special Events & Marketing Coordinator for SP Parks, Recreation & Waterfront. They are pictured below along with Wendell Clough from Portland Media Group (next to Nancy) and Anthony Johnson, Deputy Director, SP Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (next to Jim). Jim was effusive in his praise for their hard work, and in turn the recipients had nothing but praise for the way that SpringFest was managed.



And it's not too early to put it on your calendars – SpringFest 2025 is coming!!



Bloomin' 4 Good! – Our club was selected by Hannaford as a Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Nonprofit Partner for the month of September. What this means is that they will donate \$1 to our club for every specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold at 415 Philbrook Avenue in South Portland (i.e. the store at the mall). Spread the word, and consider buying a bouquet yourself!

ClubRunner and Owl – Scott Irving walked us through where to find various items on ClubRunner. Most of the items that our members would be interested in are under the “Members Menu” drop-down menu (on the far right of the blue bar under the lighthouse picture).

He also mentioned that for anyone who may be interested in learning to operate the Owl, he is available to personally walk you through how to do it – just let him know and you can set a mutually agreeable time before or after a club meeting.

Are you ready for some Foundation Football? – Chuck Redman announced that we would be doing Foundation Football again this year as a fundraiser for PolioPlus. The rules and procedures will be same as in the past:

- Donate \$50 (or more if you choose) to PolioPlus as an “entry fee” (if you paid online, please let Nicole know that you have paid)
- Jim Britt will send a link to the website where you will make your guesses as to which teams will win (we just pick winners – no point spreads involved)
- Each week's winner will be announced with a great deal of fanfare by Commissioner Chuck
- At the end of the season, the person who had the most weekly wins will receive a gold jacket. Kathy Cotter will not need to renounce her current jacket – the winner will get a brand new one. Their name will also be etched on the Yorkie trophy.

Club Business – At this week's meeting our board members reported on what they're up to. Here are some of the highlights:

- *Marge (Treasurer)* – she encourages us to submit our requests for \$50 reimbursements sooner rather than later.

- *Chuck (Vice-President)* – reported that we earned about \$500 at Art in the Park, but it wasn't really about the money – more about community recognition. He reported that serving popcorn was a WHOLE lot easier than cooking fried dough!
- *Bev (Club Administration)* – reported that we are forming a Care Committee (tentative name) to be co-chaired by Anne and Adrienne. The object is to make sure we don't lose touch with any members, with special emphasis on those who are facing health or other challenges. The committee is in the formative stage – more to come!
- *Sari (Community Service)* – she has reached out to all the grant recipients from last year and encouraged them to apply again this year. She is going to have cards printed up that describe our grant program.
- *Brent (Membership)* – his committee is putting together a survey of the members that we'll be seeing soon – stay tuned!

Sounds by the Sea – Several members of our club attended the concert by the World Famous Grassholes on Monday. (This was supposed to be the last concert for the summer but due to cancellations due to inclement weather, it was announced that there would be one more concert – it's hard to hear over the Owl so I don't know any details.) Catherine Callahan and I discussed the fact that it would be nice to get a photo of the Rotarians sitting next to the Food Cupboard van but we were both too lazy to walk down and take a close-up photo so here they are:



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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
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Membership – Brent Wilson
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
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