

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth August 28, 2024



Upcoming Dates:

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

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

September 4, 4:00 – Initial meeting of "Care Committee" at Anne Swift-Kayatta's house, 14 Stone Bridge Road, Cape Elizabeth (see below)

September 4 – Perry Newman, Konbit Sante

September 8 at 10 a.m. – Deadline to get your picks in for the first week of Foundation Football. To enter, please make a donation of \$50 to The Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus (donate online or give a check to Nicole). See Jim Britt's email for how to make your picks via PoolHost (or send him your picks).

September 11 – Club Strategic Plan Update

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

September 18 – NO MEETING

September 25 – Club Board meeting, via Zoom

September 25 – Adria King, Pine Tree Society

September 26, 5:30 (or whenever you can get there) – South Portland Food Cupboard

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

November 6 – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

September 4 Duties

Opening Words – Filieo Raffle Gift – Olshansky

September 11 Duties

Opening Words – Gabrielson Raffle Gift – Redman

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

<u>President Nancy's Question of the Week</u>: What project/committee did you help achieve a goal lately?

<u>**Opening Words**</u> – Marge opened the meeting with thoughts about being with family on the occasion of the funeral of a beloved uncle. Although the gathered group was diverse in many ways, they were joined together in the love of family.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

- DeeDee Wacksman on September 2
- Scott Irving on September 6

Happy Anniversary to

- 🕺 John & Sue LoBosco 38 years on August 31
- A Rick & Diane Dobson 55 years on September 6
- A Bob & Alícia Danielson 41 years on September 10

Congratulations to Peter Bennett who won an Amazon gift card donated by Adrienne!

We were happy to have Paul Butler with us this week!

In addition to the happy dollars from members who were present, Dan Davidson and Jack Roberts submitted happy dollars in absentia thanks guys! Congratulations to John & Sue LoBosco on the birth of their granddaughter Leilani!

September Rotaversaries:

- 🏽 Marge Dugan 2 years
- 🏽 Patty Sprague 6 years
- Ellie Speh 15 years
- 🏽 Ray Healey 30 years
- Bob Danielson also 30 years
- Dave Bagdasarian (obviously the Senior one!) 42 years
- Jack Roberts 49 years!!!

Thank you, gardeners - Catherine Callahan, Sue Sturtevant, Bev Altenburg, Michele Danois, Nancy Irving and Tony Wagner pulled weeds at Bug Light on August 20. Our club did a great job keeping the garden maintained this summer!



Busy Day on September 4! – As you can see on the calendar above, some of us will be working at the Car Show at Bug Light either before or during our club meeting that day. Another calendar item that day is the first meeting of our new committee which for the present is being called the "Care Committee." As you know, Kathy Cotter often brings a card to meetings when we become aware of someone who is ill or has had a death in the family. But it shouldn't be all on her shoulders to manage this. So the Care Committee will consist of a wider network of people to respond when we hear about a concern from one of our members (including former and honorary members). Adrienne and Anne have agreed to chair this new committee, which was Club Administration Chair Bev's brainchild. If you're interested in participating in the committee, please let one of them know. If you can make it to the meeting Wednesday, great, but if not, that's fine too.

<u>If you come to meetings in person...</u> – For this semester, we will be meeting in Room 109 (same building). It's upstairs, above the room that's next to our old room. Club members should have received sign-up emails from Scott for room set-up and running the Owl. The room set-up helpers are needed since our new meeting space is further from our cabinet. An Owl assistance is needed because Scott will be visiting family in California for a few weeks. And remember, the Owl is critical because Chris & Ellie and the Bills (Lohrman and York) would not be able to attend meetings without it. And the rest of us who are more local also find it useful to have the option to attend via Zoom.

Equal Time – On June 5 we had a program by the developers who are promoting the Yard South project near Bug Light. Since our club policy is not to take a position on political issues, we had a presentation this week from Tom Blake and Cathy Chapman, representing "No Yard South." Tom, who is a former firefighter and paramedic, and also a former mayor of South Portland, presented the concerns that the No Yard South group has about the proposed development.



<u>Surprised Sue!</u> – Foundation Chair Nicole had the pleasure this week of presenting a PHF+4 pin to Sue Sturtevant, who was introduced as having mastered the "art" of being generous.



Board Tidbits – Our board met on Tuesday, August 27 and Nancy indicated that we would be seeing notes in ClubRunner once they're written up. In the meantime she mentioned a couple of items: The board agreed to let one of "our" benches at Bug Light will be replaced by a new bench donated by the widow of a long-time city employee who wishes to honor him in this way. Rupa will be assisting Sari with Community Service – thanks, Rupa! Hannah is looking at some potential dates that we could help out at Partners for World Health.

If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen? – Last week I happened to be walking by the pickleball courts at Fort Williams while some Rotarians were playing and they explained the game to me (including the fact that part of the court is called the kitchen). Players that day were Dave Bagdasarian, Sr., Peter Bennett, John LoBosco and Tony Wagner. They were joined by Mike Fortunato from the Portland club who appeared to be checking them out so that perhaps the two clubs could have a tournament. After having the scoring system explained to me a couple times by different people, I was still very perplexed until finally one of them said, "If you're confused it's probably because we don't always count right!"



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH

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