

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
August 7, 2024**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**August 10** – Art in the Park! (specifically Mill Creek Park) We will be selling popcorn and drinks – see signup online.

**August 12** – Picnic with the club at Sounds by the Sea! BYO Supper to the picnic shelter at Fort Williams from 5-6. Music starts at 6 – bring a chair for listening to the music after you eat.

**August 14** – Club Assembly (i.e. update on club business)

**August 21** – NO MEETING

**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 28** – Cape Elizabeth Historical Society

**September 4** – Perry Newman, Konbit Sante

**September 11** – Club Strategic Plan Update

**September 28** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recovery Conference at Noble High School in North Berwick.

**November 6** – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

**August 14 Duties**

Opening Words – Dube  
Raffle Gift – Meyers

**August 28 Duties**

Opening Words – Dugan  
Raffle Gift – Murphy

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

**President Nancy's Question of the Week:**  
**What are you proud of?**

**Opening Words** – In honor of the Olympics, Catherine Dorrington shared some relevant quotes:

“Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us.” – Wilma Rudolph, Olympic gold medalist and sprinter ***who overcame childhood polio!!!!***

“The important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part; the important thing in Life is not triumph, but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.” – Baron Pierre de Coubertin, “father of the modern Olympic games”

“Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.” – Dan Gable, Olympic gold medalist considered to be one of the greatest wrestlers of all time.

**What's New With Our Members**

*Happy Birthday to Tony Wagner on August 24*

*Happy Anniversary to*

- 🎁 Paul & Jan Butler - 68 years on August 11*
- 🎁 Dick & Priscilla Yerxa - 62 years, also on August 11*
- 🎁 Frank & Debbie Butterworth - 52 years on August 12*
- 🎁 Jeff & Linda Gabrielson - 49 years on August 16*
- 🎁 Dave & Megan Bagdasarian - 7 years on August 19*

*Thank you Scott Irving for clearing the brush away from the Rotary sign on Route 77!*

*Congratulations to John LoBosco for winning a gift certificate to Red's*

*and to Nicole for winning a barbecue tool donated by Chuck.*

*Congratulations to Sangkoo Yun of Seoul, Korea, who has been selected to be RI President in 2026-27. Mike McGovern tells us that he is a big fan of LL Bean!!*

*Our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Aidan O'Leary, Director for Polio Eradication at WHO. Mike McGovern was a good friend of his and spoke highly of his dedication to the task of eradicating polio.*

#### *August Rotaversaries*

- 🌀 *Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. - 4 years*
- 🌀 *Sari Greene - 5 years*
- 🌀 *Michele Danois - 12 years*
- 🌀 *Chuck Redman - 15 years*
- 🌀 *John LoBosco - 19 years*
- 🌀 *Bill York - Bill is an honorary member who joined our club 51 years ago in 1973!*

**Sounds by the Sea** – As noted above in the calendar, Monday will be the last Sounds by the Sea concert and we have the use of the picnic shelter before the concert so that we can gather for a picnic if we want (bring your own food). The concert is not only a way for the community to gather and enjoy good music in a fabulous location, but it is also a way for the South Portland Food Cupboard to increase its inventory. Unfortunately weather forced cancellation of the last two concerts so there were no food donations those two weeks. So please bring some food for the SPFC collection van if you plan to attend the concert!

**Eat Out 2 Nights in a Row??** – Brent Wilson announced that Brickyard Hollow pizza restaurant on Commercial Street will be donating a portion of their profits after 5 p.m. to Greater Portland Family Promise on August 13 (i.e. this coming Tuesday). Nicole reports that their pizza is really good!

**Sea Dogs Results** – In addition to the result of the game being favorable (9-3 win), Nicole announced this week that the fundraising efforts were extraordinarily successful! The donations to PolioPlus from our club which were “rewarded” with tickets to the game totaled **\$6,000!!!** Wow, what a generous club – thanks everyone for your donations!!

**Hoot!** – Scott gave us a tutorial this week on how to set up the Owl to hopefully encourage more people to volunteer to do this weekly duty. Here are some tips that he shared:

- Follow the Instructions
  - In order
  - If the computer was on, shut it off and restart it.
  - If the projector was on, shut it off until the directions say to turn it on.
- What you see on the screen is what everyone else sees
- Thumb Drive
  - Copy the presentation to the desktop and open it from there
- Handheld Pointer
  - DO NOT move the mouse if the speaker is using the pointer
  - Not working? Is it on? Are the batteries good? Is it on top of the computer?
  - People on Zoom cannot see the laser pointer!
- Troubleshooting and Projector Issues
  - See the “Zoom Owl Problems” document for info
  - There is a HelpDesk number – call it if needed.

*(Ed. note – I can vouch from personal experience that it really is just a simple matter of following the instructions in the case – they’re very easy to follow!)*

**And Now for our Feature Presentation...** - (you had to be there, that’s how Tom was introduced) – We learned a multitude of facts about Tom Meyers’ life and the Coast Guard this week in what Tom described as either a “classification talk” or an “early obituary!” The main nugget of information that I took away was: Tom’s father was the president of the Marathon, Florida Rotary club in 1979-80. So Tom, don’t you want to follow in your father’s footsteps???



Other things you may or may not have known:

- ❖ Both Tom and Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson have in common that they were both president of the senior class at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.
- ❖ Tom was in a high school band that played at half-time at a Super Bowl!
- ❖ Tom is a talented artist; one of his hobbies is stained glass:



- ❖ Tom attended the Coast Guard Academy and for 28 years was an active duty Coast Guard officer.
- ❖ One of his tasks while on a ship in Florida was to recover the space shuttle Challenger after it exploded.
- ❖ After retiring from the Coast Guard, Tom worked for the City of South Portland for 12 years coordinating transportation.
- ❖ When Tom was moving to the Portland area, he rented a house sight-unseen based solely on Jeff Gabrielson's recommendation.
- ❖ Tom comes from a family that strongly believes in volunteerism and giving back to the community – but I guess we all knew that must be the case considering how much of his time and talent Tom gives to our club.

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

### Officers

President – Nancy Irving  
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Club Administration – Bev Altenburg  
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### Committee Chairs

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