

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 12, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

February 19 – No meeting – party the next day instead

February 20 – Club Social at St. Bart's – with live entertainment! See online signup.

February 22, 5-7:30 – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, CE, \$13 for all-you-can-eat

February 26 – Carolyn Delaney, Dependency in Maine

February 26 & 27 – Volunteering at Special Olympics Winter Games at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester – see Tom's email for sign-up.

March 1 – FIREWORKS!! – The first event for SpringFest (rain/snow date = March 8). See signup for parking assistance.

March 6-8 – Northeast President-Elect Learning Seminar

April 5 – District Learning Assembly at Westbrook High School

February 26 Duties

Opening Words – Murphy

Raffle Gift – Fran Bagdasarian

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**

Owl – *please sign up*

March 5 Duties

Opening Words – Olshansky
Raffle Gift – Bennett
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

President Nancy's Questions of the Week: **What Makes You Optimistic?**

Opening Words - There's an article in today's Portland Press Herald that more or less mirrors Tom's opening words last night – the reporter must have been a fly on the wall. Tom is laid up with the flu so Marge read his opening words for him:

I was going to do a quick background about Saint Valentine as a gentle reminder that the day is coming up like Friday, but it's just way too complicated... origins are very murky... middle ages... Chaucer..... Eros Greek god of love, later adopted by the Romans as chubby Cupid with bow and arrow... martyrdom... prisoner in the Tower of London ... fast forward to 1840's and boom: mass produced Valentines' Day cards and here we are.

But there is a prayer based on St Valentine, with some very simple words:

We beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Valentine,
be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Amen.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Thank you to President Nancy who ran the meeting in person last night even though she is sick - feel better, Nancy, and we hope it doesn't spoil your birthday today!

Happy Birthday to

 *Laurenz Schmidt - Feb. 18*

 *David Lourie - Feb. 21*

Congratulations to Scott who won the Amazon gift certificate donated by Dave Bagdasarian, Jr.

First Rule of Fight Club – is the REVERSE of the First Rule of SpringFest: Talk About SpringFest! This week Jim reviewed the plans in progress; here are some highlights:

- ❖ March 1 – we’re continuing our tie to the superceded WinterFest by still having winter fireworks – always a popular event!
- ❖ April – Sue will be coordinating events with the local libraries again to promote gnome and SpringFest-related activities.
- ❖ Ice Cream Social at Redbank – Nicole will be leading the coordination of the events at Redbank on Friday evening. The events will be– this event was very well received last year and it will be somewhat similar to last year with some probable modifications.



- ❖ Mill Creek – Jim stressed that this event is just a 4-hour event (11-3) so it should not be a huge burden for club members to participate. Events will include:
 - Cornhole
 - Kids Activities
 - Young Entrepreneurs (NEW!) – this is an organization that encourages kids to sell their own products
 - Food Trucks – they will be encouraged to sell food items with gnome-themed names
 - Touch-a-Truck – always popular!
 - Music & Entertainment
 - Hometown Heroes – we will be publicly awarding Community Paul Harris Fellows to at least 5 members of our two communities.

Winter Clothing Wanted! – As reported last week, the SPHS Interact Club has undertaken a service project to collect winter clothing to make available to students who don’t have adequate warm clothing. We would really like to support them in their effort to put Service Above Self so if you – or your friends and neighbors - have any winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. please bring them to next week’s party. Or if you won’t be at the party, let Patty know and she’ll coordinate pickup with you.

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SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH**

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