

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
January 15, 2025**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**January 25, 11 a.m.** – Discussion about Climate Change at Bug Light (see article below)

**January 25, 5-7:30** – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, CE, \$13 for all-you-can-eat

**January 27** – Membership Committee meeting at the Irvings' home. Not a new member Orientation.

**January 27** – “Fireside Chat” about the ShareForever campaign – meeting with Celeste Herbert from RI. Let Tony or Nicole know if you're interested in attending.

**January 29** – [Kate Hetrick & Dora Hurt, juniors at CEHS speaking about their RYLA experience](#)

**January 30, 5:30** or when you can get there – South Portland Food Cupboard

**February 1, 9 a.m.** – Crutches4Africa container-loading at 128 Saco Ave., Old Orchard Beach

**February 5** – [Dr. Kristen Miller, President, SMCC](#)

**February 12** – [Club Internal Business Meeting](#)

**February 19** – [No meeting – party the next day instead](#)

**February 20** – Club Social at St. Bart's – with live entertainment!

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

**February 26, 4:30 – 7:30** – South Portland Business Awards Ceremony (see below!)

**February 26** – Special Olympics Winter Games at Lost Valley, Pineland Farms and Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn. Our Youth Services Director Ray Healey is looking into volunteer opportunities for our club.

**March 1** – FIREWORKS!! – The first event for SpringFest (rain/snow date = March 8)

**March 6-8** – Northeast President-Elect Learning Seminar

**April 5** – District Learning Assembly

**January 22 Duties**

Opening Words – McDonald  
Raffle Gift – Altenburg  
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**  
Owl – *please sign up*

**January 29 Duties**

Opening Words – McGovern  
Raffle Gift – Anderson  
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**  
Owl – *please sign up*

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**  
*\*And a tip about the meeting setup – if you sign up, you won't be doing it alone – there are always people there to help!*

**Opening Words** – Upon his return from Key West, Matt McAleney offered some wisdom from their most famous resident Jimmy Buffett:

“Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been.”

“Humor has bailed me out of more tight situations than I can think of. If you go with your instincts and keep your humor, creativity follows. With luck, success comes too.”

“I’m inspired by people who keep on rolling, no matter their age.”

“Life gives you limes... make margaritas!”

**President Nancy's Questions of the Week**  
**How did you include someone lately?**

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

*Our sincere sympathies to Mark Leasure on the death of his mother.*

*Happy Anniversary to Doug & Dana Schauf on January 21*

*Thank you to Tiffanie who pulled some strings to get us back in our original classroom a week early.*

*Thank you to Nicole for donating the gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware which I won!*

*Our friend in Wales Bill York passes along his greetings, and his congratulations to Catherine Callahan who must be exceedingly proud of Audrey!*

**From Bug Light Lighthouse Keeper Jack Roberts:** – David Pomerantz and his wife Wendy will be at Bug Light on January 25 at 11:00 AM to discuss Climate Change and steps people can take to mitigate damage. David is a member of the American Lighthouse Foundation and was referred to us by our good friend Bob Trapani. Consider joining Jack, David and Wendy and other club members at Bug Light next Saturday.

**Elf Report from Tony Wagner:** “I brought back 829 toys and 7 bikes, on behalf of Rotary, from Santa yesterday. At \$15/toy and \$100/new bike, this represents slightly over \$13,000 in value. They were distributed to the So Po Resource Hub in Redbank, St. Luke's Cathedral, the So Po Boys and Girls club, United Methodist Church/Judy's Pantry, and a Cape Day Care Center. This is about the 10th year we have been doing this thanks to the Saco Santa, another Rotarian, who remains nameless.”



### **Club Service News –**

1. If you are interested in the club doing a “Poker Night,” please let President Nancy, Peter or Bev know. We did this pre-pandemic and it’s strictly a fellowship event which requires very little preparation or planning.
2. If you’d like to help Bev organize a potluck for our party on February 20, please let her know.
3. Bev has received requests for almost 30 tickets for the Maine Mariners game with the Portland club on April 4. Doug Schauf is working with someone from the Portland Club and the Mariners to work out the details (which include skating and a happy hour beforehand for those interested).

### **Opportunities from the Youth Services Area:**

- The Scholarship Committee is down to two members and could use some more participation. Everything is conducted via Zoom so it’s not a heavy lift – and it’s a rewarding way to be involved.
- The Youth Services Committee is looking for someone to serve as a liaison between the club and the South Portland High School Interact Club. The club already has an enthusiastic adviser so again, this is not a demanding role while at the same time being very rewarding.
- Youth Services Director Ray is passionate about Special Olympics, whose Winter Games will take place February 25-26. See copy of an email re Volunteer Opportunities being sent with this bulletin.

**SpringFest Basics** – Jim Britt gave us a preview of SpringFest 2025 and here is some information from his slides:

- ❖ Theme: Gnome Sweet Gnome
- ❖ Dates: May 17-18, 2025
- ❖ Location: Red Bank Community Center (Friday) and Mill Creek Park (Saturday)
- ❖ Presented by: SP-CE Rotary and City of South Portland

### **Goals**

- Sponsorships – secure a lot of sponsorships from major companies & local businesses
- Community Engagement – increase the number of small business participants by 25%
- Expand Volunteer Involvement – recruit volunteers, ensuring diversity in roles and representation
- Create Inclusive Programming – design events and activities that appeal to all ages, abilities and interests
- Grow Attendance – attract 5,000+ attendees over the 2-day event, approximately a 35% increase over 2024

In addition to the activities on May 17 & 18, there will be fireworks on March 1 and a Reading Gnomes contest in local libraries and schools.

**Taking Stock** – Since we've reached the halfway point in the Rotary year, Nancy reviewed what we have done so far this year. See accompanying Strategic Plan that she distributed with the blue items documenting our accomplishments.

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

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