

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 22, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

January 27 – Orientation for new members at the Irvings' home

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 at Westbrook High School

January 29 Duties

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

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Raffle Gift – D. Bagdasarian, Sr.
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
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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!*

President Nancy's Questions of the Week:
What is truth?

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Congratulations to Bob & Judy Knupp, who will have been married 60 years on Thursday, January 30!!

Congratulations to Catherine Callahan who won a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Bev.

Thank you to Patty Sprague who stepped up to volunteer to be our club liaison with the South Portland High School Interact Club.

Congratulations to all of us because we learned that Bill & Diane Anderson's move to Connecticut has been deferred yet again and they plan to stay in South Portland until at least October, 2027 - hooray!!

Guests: *We welcomed Tove Rasmussen who was a guest of our speaker.*

Mid-year District 7780 Brunch – Attending the midyear brunch in Freeport from our club were:

- ❖ President Nancy
- ❖ President-Elect Peter
- ❖ John LoBosco
- ❖ Patty Sprague
- ❖ Nancy Hawes

We've heard a lot of talk about the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program lately, and the program at the meeting – a panel of 4 students, all of whom had been to RYLA – reinforced our impression of what a successful program this is, and our Rotary money well spent! If you didn't have a chance to be impressed by Audrey & Xavier earlier this month, or the students at the district meeting, you have another chance on Wednesday when you speakers will be RYLA alumni from Cape Elizabeth High School.

You Can Have a Say!! – The decisions about how to spend our club's money on Community Service are decided at ad hoc quarterly committee meetings – anyone can be part of this committee and it requires no commitment whatsoever. You can come to one meeting or all the meetings – it's up to you and your schedule. The next meeting is this coming Wednesday (January 29) after our regular meeting and Sari is flying up from Florida to lead the meeting in person. If you would like to attend, let Sari know so that she can send you the grant applications ahead of time. (If you decide on the spur of the moment to attend, that's ok too – she'll have copies available at the meeting.

Requests from Patty – Patty announced that a recording is available of the district event sponsored by the Rotary Indigenous Partnership at which Corey Hinton spoke. This happened on November 23 so most of our club members could not attend because it conflicted with our tree lot setup. She would like to know if club members would like to watch it together as a group – let her know if you would be interested in that.

Request #2 – President Nancy has asked her to look into the possibility of our club participating in the Pride Parade in June – please let Patty know if you have any thoughts on this.

You can contact Patty at patty_sprague@yahoo.com (or email her through ClubRunner).

A Conversation about Bug Light – Last week David & Wendy Pomerantz of the American Lighthouse Foundation (ALF) traveled from their home in Massachusetts up to our area for a fact-finding tour of our local lighthouses. They toured Portland Head Light on Thursday, Spring Point Light on Sunday, and yesterday they met with a few of our members to learn about Bug Light:

- ❖ Jack Roberts (lighthouse keeper)
- ❖ Tom Meyers
- ❖ Tony Wagner
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ Sue Sturtevant
- ❖ Bill Anderson

Reports are that they were impressed with the expertise of the hands that take care of Bug Light, and that they plan to visit again for the anniversary celebration in July. (Check out ALF's website – they

have a lot of information/photos of Maine lighthouses, including an article about the lighthouses of Maine being added to the 2025 World Monuments Watch, which presumably spurred this visit.)

Keeping Our Planet Habitable – Our speaker this week was Peter Dugas, the Maine coordinator of Citizens Climate Lobby. Peter started with some grim statistics about the dramatic increases in carbon dioxide emissions and the resulting impact on temperatures. He demonstrated a model developed by MIT called En-Roads which shows what the outcome would be for various mitigation efforts. He touted the effectiveness of carbon pricing, which has been the norm in some countries for several years and has been shown to have an impact on carbon emissions. Carbon pricing has become increasingly popular in most of the world, and several towns in Maine – including our own South Portland and Cape Elizabeth – have passed resolutions encouraging carbon pricing. Interestingly in response to a question, he said that opening up national wildlife refuges to drilling is not necessarily going to mean that will happen because the oil companies are finding that it's not cost-effective to do so. Thank you, Catherine C., for suggesting such an informative speaker!

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