

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 29, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

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! Look for signup coming soon.

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

February 26 – 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)

March 5 – Nicole Albert & Nancy Irving – Paul Harris Fellows

March 6-8 – Northeast President-Elect Learning Seminar

April 5 – District Learning Assembly at Westbrook High School

February 5 Duties

Opening Words – McGrehan
Raffle Gift – D. Bagdasarian, Sr.
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

February 12 Duties

Opening Words – Meyers
Raffle Gift – D. Bagdasarian, Jr.
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!*

President Nancy's Questions of the Week: **From Whom Can You Learn?**

Opening Words - Ray told an inspirational story about Special Olympics. Our club will be volunteering at the Special Olympics Winter Games this month for the first time. We will be at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester where the cross-country skiing and snowshoe events will be taking place. Please sign up in the link in Tom Meyers' email if you're interested in helping out.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Congratulations to Dan McDonald who won a gift certificate to Terra Cotta donated by Bill Anderson.

February Rotaversaries:

- ⊗ JD Dobson - originally joined in 2003 & recently re-joined
- ⊗ Marc Mutty - 26 years
- ⊗ Laurenz Schmidt - 34 years
- ⊗ Paul Butler - 51 years
- ⊗ Dan Mooers - 55 years!!!

Guests: We were joined by Eileen Hetrick, the mother of one of our speakers, as well as by Jaymie Chamberlin.

Ask and You Shall Receive – At our meeting this week, Tony begged for more participation at this week's Food Cupboard and guess what, he got it – and then some! Thank you to the large crew that showed up to unbox, swipe through bar codes and re-shelve:

- ❖ Peter Bennett
- ❖ Tiffanie Bentley
- ❖ Jaymie Chamberlin
- ❖ Bob Danielson
- ❖ Michele Danois
- ❖ Nancy Hawes
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ John LoBosco
- ❖ Marti Meyers
- ❖ Tom Meyers
- ❖ Jill Nadeau
- ❖ Patty Sprague
- ❖ Mike Tranfaglia
- ❖ Tony Wagner
- ❖ Brent Wilson



Not pictured - Jaymie took the photo

More Proof of How Well Our Money is Spent on RYLA – Anne and Bev introduced our speakers this week, Kate Hetrick and Dora Hurt. They are both juniors at Cape Elizabeth High School and attended RYLA last summer. Dora mentioned that before going she was nervous about being cut off from her family and friends but it turned out that was the best part of the camp! She said the counselors were “incredibly welcoming” and she felt much less connected to her phone after coming home from camp. She said that as a result of going to RYLA she feels more confident and more willing to voice her opinions. Her family told her that “you’re like a different person.”

Kate expressed a lot of similar sentiments, saying that she “grew into a new person.” She was forced to try things out of her comfort zone and learned that it’s ok to try new things and meet new people.

At the beginning of this school year, Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. asked them if they would re-start the Interact club at CEHS – and they did. They are the co-presidents of the club and they said that the day after our meeting, they would be speaking to the entire sophomore class to encourage them to apply for RYLA this spring. So there’s no doubt that RYLA turned them into leaders!



Follow-up to Last Week's Meeting – Ellie Speh sent this additional information regarding our program last week. Our speaker (Peter Dugas) who spoke on climate issues, urged Rotarians to send their support and concerns to the bipartisan caucus that Angus King and Susan Collins are members of.

Senate Climate Solutions Caucus-- reaching out is quick and easy if you want to encourage Rotarians to spend 20 seconds by using cclusa.org/write-cfd. You'd be surprised how this actually works and constituent emails, calls and visits have proven results.

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