

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 8, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

January 15 – Club Internal Business Meeting. Cafeteria will be open.

January 16, 17 & 18 – Unified Theater presentation of Wizard of Oz at Lyric Theater

January 19, 11 a.m. – District 7780 Midyear Lunch at Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport – all Rotarians welcome!

January 21, 5:30 – Club Board Meeting

January 22 – Peter Dugas, Citizens Climate Lobby. We will back in our original room (107) for this meeting.

January 25, 5-7:30 – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, CE

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 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

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 6-8 – Northeast President-Elect Learning Seminar

April 5 – District Learning Assembly

January 15 Duties

Opening Words – McAleney
Raffle Gift – Albert
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

January 22 Duties

Opening Words – McDonald
Raffle Gift – Altenburg
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 – Bill Lohrman offered these opening words:

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Remember there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.” – Scott Adams

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Thank you to Peter Bennett for running this week's meeting in President Nancy's absence.

And thank you to Bev for organizing the holiday party at Purpoodock - it was a lot of fun!!!

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Chuck Redman - January 9
- 🍰 Jack Roberts - January 16
- 🍰 Hannah Olshansky - January 17

Happy Anniversary to Doug & Dana Schauf on January 21

Congratulations to Ray Healey for winning a gift certificate to Bayside Bowl donated by Brent Wilson

Congratulations to Catherine Dorrington, whose business, Coastal Care Solutions, was awarded South Portland 2024 Small Business of the Year! The award ceremony will be at South Portland High School on February 26.

And congratulations also to our Annual Sponsor Port Harbor Marine and its owners the Soucy family who were selected as the Business Leaders of the Year.

January Rotaversaries:

- 🌀 Pamela Fox - 1 year
- 🌀 Maryann McGreehan - 3 years
- 🌀 Nicole Albert - 8 years
- 🌀 Fran Bagdasarian - 10 years (as an official Rotarian - a supporter of the club for way more years than that!)
- 🌀 Doug Schauf - 12 years
- 🌀 Matt McAleney - 25 years (give that man some silver!)
- 🌀 Dan Davidson - 43 years (mostly in our club but also the Wellesley Mass (I think) club)
- 🌀 Peter DeGennaro - 45 years (like Dan, he was a Rotarian before joining our club)
- 🌀 Founding member Dick Yerxa - 63 years!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Guests – We were joined this week by Robel Hagos, who is interested in finding out more about our club. And also by our speakers parents – Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu and Erica McCarthy.

Maine Mariners – Bev announced that the Portland club has reserved 50 seats for the hockey game on Friday, April 4 (7:15p.m.) when the Maine Mariners will be taking on the Trois-Rivieres Lions. They have invited us to join them – look for more details to come!

Here are photos from the last time the club attended a Maine Mariners game:



Foundation 45 Seconds – Foundation Chair Nicole announced that we'll start having Foundation minutes again, but to ease us in she only took 45 seconds. This week's message is that even though we like to recognize people for their generosity, especially since it serves as a role model for others, some club members prefer not to receive public recognition. So the person who recently received a multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin will remain anonymous, and if you prefer not to be recognized just let her know and she'll make sure your donation remains private.

Food Cupboard – The holidays messed up the regular schedule for working at the South Portland Food Cupboard but that didn't prevent us from having a full crew helping to process food on January 2. **Thank you to:**

- ❖ Dave Bagdasarian, Sr.
- ❖ Peter Bennett
- ❖ Jeff Gabrielson
- ❖ John LoBosco
- ❖ David Lourie
- ❖ Tom & Marti Meyers
- ❖ Adrienne Murphy
- ❖ Brent Wilson
- ❖ Tony Wagner

And the Gold Jacket Goes to.... – The regular NFL season has ended which means we have a winner in our Foundation Football pool. We left off after week 14, so here is the outcome for weeks 15-18:

- Week 15 – per Commissioner Chuck, “An ugly, low scoring win by the Falcons was a thing of beauty to John LoBosco, as his 40 point guesstimate was the closest to the actual 24 point total. Bill Y, Bill A, Marge, and always in the hunt Dick tied for second.”
- Week 16 – This week had a tie, with Mike McGovern and Dave Bagdasarian sharing the (virtual) trophy.
- Week 17 – “Ellie can’t be caught since she leads us second place finishers by a win and we all have the same remaining picks as Ellie. If the Packers win, she’ll be perfect for the day and extend her lead even further. Great job, Ellie!”
- Week 18 – Peter Bennett won the tiebreaker, edging out Tom Meyers.

Season Leaders:

- Points/Correct Picks – Danielson 368, Yerxa 364, Bennett 350, LoBosco & Meyers 344.
- Weekly Wins – Yerxa 4, Danielson 3, LoBosco & York 2

Which means that Commissioner Chuck will be getting Dick’s measurements to order his gold jacket! Congratulations, Dick!!!



Money Well Spent! – Our club sponsored high school sophomores (soon-to-be juniors) to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Camp Hinds last June. The clubs are charged \$400 per student but the actual cost is closer to \$550 per student. (But many clubs including ours pay scholarships for the staff as well, which makes up the difference.) And based on the presentations we heard this week, boy, is it money well spent! South Portland High School students Audrey LeBleu (Catherine Callahan’s daughter) and Xavier McCarthy shared their experiences at RYLA and it was clear that they have insights about the nature of leadership that many leaders who are much older could benefit from. Audrey is now captain of her indoor track team, which affords her an opportunity to take what she learned and put it into practice. Xavier was strongly encouraged by his mom Erica to attend RYLA because she saw the tremendous benefit that his older sister got out of attending RYLA 6 years ago (and she went on to study in Kazakhstan on a Fulbright scholarship!) Here are some of the things they said about leadership:

- ✓ “Taking care of your crew” is the most important part of being a leader.
- ✓ It’s ok to fail – if you do, learn from it and move on.
- ✓ Being kind and encouraging is a big part of being a leader.

- ✓ Being a leader also means giving your heart and your energy to your community. (Sounds like they drank the Rotary Kool-Aid!)
- ✓ It's important to be able to ask for help.
- ✓ Leadership is not something you're born with, it's something you gain.
- ✓ It was also inspirational and made them feel special to be told that their generation can make change in the world.

It was such a treat to hear from these two young people – and it's not over! At the end of the month (January 29) we will hear from students at Cape Elizabeth High School who attended RYLA. Thank you to Ray Healey and Tony Wagner for invigorating this program in our club!

(Here is Audrey at this week's meeting and in 2015 with Sue LoBosco.)



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