

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 25, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

July 2 – NO MEETING

July 7 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Maine Marimba Ensemble (picnic shelter)

July 9 – Club Internal Business – Planning for the new Rotary year!

July 13 – Parking at Paint for Preservation (Cape Elizabeth Land Trust)

July 14 - Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Ocean House Road Band (picnic shelter)

July 15, 5:30 – Board meeting (Zoom)

July 16 – Elizabeth Dugan (Marge's sister!), Maine 2025 Healthy Aging Data

July 21 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Pejepscot Station (the band that entertained us in February)

July 23 – Lobsterbake!

July 26 – Bug Light 150th Anniversary Celebration!

July 28 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Pine State Pitches (bandstand)

July 30 – Service Project: Assemble “move-in” kits for Greater Portland Family Promise

July 9 Duties

Opening Words – Tranfaglia
Raffle Gift – Filieo
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

July 16 Duties

Opening Words – Wacksman
Raffle Gift – Dube
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

President Nancy's (Last) Question of the Week: **What is the magic of Rotary for you?**

Opening Words – In light (pun intended) of the upcoming Bug Light anniversary celebration, Sue read a poem by John Reinhart of Yarmouth that is posted on the Bug Light anniversary website (Buglight150.org):

Navigating the world, from bills to morning alarms, doing laundry, voting, visiting
parents, checking on children, watering the lawn, feeding the dog, navigating feels like
a chore, and we're all looking out
For a light to direct, to inspire, to guide us, to shine that path in the darkness, to help
us home, and sometimes...sometimes
There isn't a light, nothing to guide us from the storm, and we're looking around for a
beacon, hoping someone notices
A lighthouse dog once helped guide a ship to port by barking in the night
May we all remember that lighthouses are built by human beings, symbols of the light
we all carry, the light we are,
Remember when you are lost in the night that someone else might be looking for a
beacon too, and we can be those lights, we can shine, beacons for safe harbor.

Sue also recognized the other members of the Bug Light Celebration Committee:

- ❖ 3 City of South Portland Staff Members
- ❖ Bill Anderson
- ❖ Jaymie Chamberlin
- ❖ Sari Greene
- ❖ Tom Meyers
- ❖ Jack Roberts
- ❖ Tony Wagner

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

- 🍰 Dan Davidson (June 30)
- 🍰 Sue Sturtevant (born on the 4th of July)
- 🍰 Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)
- 🍰 Bob Hanson (July 9)
- 🍰 Marge Dugan (July 13)

Happy Anniversary to

- 👪 Nancy & Scott Irving (June 30)

Congratulations to raffle winners Dan McDonald (Terra Cotta) and Marge Dugan (True Value Hardware)!

Congratulations to Steven & Andrew Bentley (Tiffanie's sons) who are now high school graduates!

Time to Party! – We were NOT gathered for a Cooper Flagg watch party but to celebrate the end of one amazingly successful Rotary year and to launch another one destined to be every bit as successful. Great food, great venue, great company! A huge thank you to:



- Bev Altenburg, for organizing everything
- Bev's crew – her grandsons Jack Carignan & Ben Altenburg
- Nancy Irving, for providing the flowers on the tables AND the dessert!
- The Soucy brothers, owners of Port Harbor Marine, who provided us the venue free of charge
- The people responsible for bringing in enough chairs and setting everything up (not sure who that was)

We were joined by several guests – our incoming AG Patty Byers, Joanie Frustaci, several members of the Yerxa family and several spouses.

President Nancy thanked all the members of her board as well as several others and summarized the highlights from the past year. She documented our accomplishments in her year-end report

which was included at the end of the printed Community Impact Report (Thank you, Sari!) which was distributed. The club presented Nancy with a Rotary jacket as a thank you for her year of service. Nancy then turned the gavel over to our new President Peter Bennett who saluted Nancy and her board for the club's accomplishments this year.



Both Nancy and Peter mentioned the club's strategic plan and that the club had been able to implement some of the suggestions that were made in that plan. One of those was that the club offer a vocational scholarship, and that it be named for Dick Yerxa. We were able to accomplish that this year by awarding a student from Cape Elizabeth High School with the Dick Yerxa Vocational Scholarship. He will be attending SMCC where he will study HVAC.

And Speaking of Dick Yerxa... The long-awaited presentation of the Yorkie Trophy and the accompanying gold jacket took place at Changeover Night. Commissioner Chuck outdid himself this year and in addition to presenting Dick with a gold jacket, he presented Dick and his entire family with t-shirts which leave no question as to who won the Foundation Football pool! Bob Danielson was also presented with a trophy for the highest number of correct individual game picks during the season (again!).



Hot, hot hot! – We learned at the Changeover that some Rotarians (and by that I mean Patty Byers) add an extra letter in our club’s abbreviation and call us the Spice club. Or does she call us that because we’re so exciting? Or because she confuses our outgoing president with one of the Spice Girls?

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

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President – Nancy Irving
President-Elect – Peter Bennett
Vice-President – Chuck Redman
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Marge Dugan

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg
Youth Services – Ray Healey
Community Services – Sari Greene
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Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Matt McAleney
SpringFest – Jim Britt
Program Chair – Chris Speh
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert
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Publicity – Jim Britt
Web Administrator – Scott Irving
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
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