

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**March 12, 2025**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**March 19 – No Meeting**

**March 22, 9:30 – 10:45** – Zoom learning event hosted by our District Rotary Indigenous Partnerships Committee; see email you should have received from Michele Bois-Gilbody for more information

**March 22, 5 – 7:30** – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

**March 25, 5:30** – Board Meeting on Zoom

**March 26 – Ken Johnson, Farms for Food Equity**

**March 27, 5:30ish – 7:15ish** – South Portland Food Cupboard

**April 2**

**April 4, 7:15** – Maine Mariners Hockey Game

**April 5** – District Learning Assembly at Westbrook High School

**April 12, 5 – 7:30**, Lions Club Chicken Dinner

**April 24, 5:00 – 6:30** – Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club's "Pizza Challenge 2025" at Westbrook Community Center

**May 16 & 17** – SPRINGFEST Party at Redbank (Friday) and Mill Creek Park (Saturday)

**June 19** – SPCE Rotary at the Sea Dogs!

**March 26 Duties**

Opening Words – Roberts

Raffle Gift – Britt

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**

Owl – *please sign up*

**April 2 Duties**

Opening Words –

Raffle Gift –

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**

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

***President Nancy's Questions of the Week:***  
**Have you talked to a different club recently?**

**Opening Words** - President Nancy read these quotes that Chuck had provided her:

"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer." –  
Anita Krizzan

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be  
able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever  
underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us  
that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." –  
Michelle Obama

***What's New With Our Members (& Friends)***

*Thank you to Phil Dube for coming early to set up the room this week!*

*Congratulations to Tom Meyers, the winner of a gift certificate to Docks donated by Tiffanie.*

*Happy Birthday to*

- ✿ *Dan McDonald - March 16*
- ✿ *Nancy Hawes - March 17*
- ✿ *Mike McGovern - March 17*
- ✿ *Paul Butler - March 18*
- ✿ *Bev Altenburg - March 18*
- ✿ *Marc Mutty - March 23*
- ✿ *Peter Bennett - March 23*
- ✿ *Jill Nadeau - April 2*

**The Eternal Question:** – Who joined the club first – Phil Dube or Dan Mooers??? The debate continued at this week's meeting as we were delighted to have Dan and Shirley join us in person. I thought they said that Dan joined in 1966 and Phil in 1967. What it says in ClubRunner is that Dan joined on February 25, 1970 and Phil joined on April 10, 1970. In either case Phil doesn't let statistics get in his way – he insists that Dick Yerxa will testify that he joined first. Anyway, for those newer to the club, Dan is a past:

- ❖ Club president
- ❖ District Governor
- ❖ Rotary Foundation Coordinator for the northeastern US
- ❖ RI Director
- ❖ Aide to the President of RI (Rick King)
- ❖ Member of too many committees to count.

He was also the chair of our club's first WinterFest (in 2012), the precursor of SpringFest, and the first chair of New England President-Elect Training Seminar (NEPETS) which Peter Bennett attended last weekend (although now it's called NEPELS – they traded "Training" for "Leadership").

And Shirley is also a past club president (of the South Portland Sunrise club) but her biggest claim to fame is that she has put up with Dan (just kidding!) for nearly 40 years!

**Persistent Patty** – Patty Sprague reminded us about the Rotary Indigenous Partnership Committee's event on March 24 (see calendar item above) – she says that she will "invite us over and over until we say yes!"

**Membership Minute** – The Membership Committee met this week and Scott will be giving us brief membership minutes. This week's was about the concept of new members having a mentor, the essence of which is boiled down to a "welcoming handshake." He also reminded us to PLEASE FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY.

**Foundation Minute** – Foundation chair Nicole announced that we will be attending a Sea Dogs game again this summer as a PolioPlus fundraiser. Mark your calendars: **Thursday, June 19.** The details are same as last year – the price of admission is your \$40 (or more!) donation to The Rotary Foundation designated for PolioPlus. Admission includes a ticket to a skybox and some basic refreshments. It would have been ideal to do this after July 1 so that the donations could be recorded for “Peter’s” Rotary year but apparently lots of fans were interested in seeing the next Roman Anthony or Kristian Campbell so skybox availability was limited. So if you plan to attend please consider holding off on actually making your donation until July 1. Nicole will have more details and tickets later on but she just wanted to get this on your calendars.

**SPRINGFEST UPDATE!!** – The “Gnomables” (notables?) Jim and Nicole discussed the ongoing plans for SpringFest.



You can follow the countdown at <https://spspringfest.com/>. The big news is that the Road Race – I mean the “Unstoppable Gnome Community Run” - is a go. There will be an untimed 1-mile run and timing for a 3-mile run and a 5-mile relay. The budget is for a break-even event but a few sponsors have already committed and Jim believes that it may end up generating a profit.

Jenna at the South Portland Parks & Recreation Department wants to bring back the gnome drive - I mean the “Gnome Sweet Gnome” drive. People will be encouraged to drop off new or used gnomes at the SP Community Center to be taken to the park on the day of the event and ultimately given away.

The event at Redbank will be modified: the movie and magician were deemed to be overkill, and there will be more tables from community partners. Core activities like the band, the ice cream and the hats will still be present.

Jim and Nicole could use some help – specific roles mentioned included someone to help with volunteer recruitment and someone to coordinate ordering signage (needs to be done by mid-April). And of course there will be lots of volunteer opportunities the days of the events. Please contact Jim if you’d be willing to help with pre-event planning.

### **Bob's March Rotary Magazine Quiz**

1. President Urchick highlighted the theme for March which is:
  - a. Unity and Good Will for All
  - b. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
  - c. The Magic of Rotary
  - d. The Right Stuff
2. This issue features a tell-all article about our incoming RI President who is
  - a. Holger Knaack
  - b. Daniel Himelspach
  - c. Mario Cesar Martins
  - d. Yeong Ho Yun
3. New Zealand Rotary sponsors an annual hot air balloon festival. When was the first crewed hot air balloon flight?
  - a. 1536
  - b. 1783
  - c. 1901
  - d. 1641
4. What percentage of all readers of Rotary magazine actually read it monthly?
  - a. 74%
  - b. 60%
  - c. 55%
  - d. 81%

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

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Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Matt McAleney  
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