

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 26, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

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

April 2 – Dwayne Hopkins, South Portland Food Cupboard

April 4, 7:15 – Maine Mariners Hockey Game

April 5 – District Learning Assembly at Westbrook High School

April 9 – Club Business – updates on Strategic Plan & SpringFest

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

April 16 – NO MEETING

April 23 – Carolyn & Peter Johnson, Rotary Foundation Global Grants

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

April 30 – Vocational Talk – Catherine Dorrington

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

June 19 – SPCE Rotary at the Sea Dogs!

April 2 Duties

Opening Words – Schauf
Raffle Gift – Butterworth
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – Mike Tranfaglia

April 9 Duties

Opening Words – Schmidt
Raffle Gift – Callahan
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

President Nancy's Questions of the Week:
You can't do everything but you can do something
to make the world a better place.
What will you do?

Opening Words - President Nancy read some reminders from Maria Shriver:




"Don't forget to:

- ✓ Quiet your mind
- ✓ Do what you can
- ✓ Laugh
- ✓ Focus on what matters
- ✓ Share your talents
- ✓ Take time for yourself"

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Congratulations to Bob Danielson on winning a gift certificate to Boone's courtesy of Jim Britt!

Happy Birthday to

-  *Jill Nadeau - April 2*
-  *Mark Leasure - April 6*
-  *Ellie Speh - April 8*

*Tony visited recently with Dick Yerxa, who sends us his regards.
Regards back at ya, Dick!!!*

Congratulations and thank you to Anne and Bev for interviewing 13 highly qualified RYLA candidates from Cape Elizabeth High School. Unfortunately we can only send 12 students from one school so one of them will be an alternate. It looks like we will also be sending 7 - and hopefully more - students from South Portland High School also.

Welcome back, Peter, from New England President-Elect Learning Seminar. Peter says it was nonstop Rotary. A special guest was the RI President-Elect (his name is in Bob's quiz below) who filled them in on the presidential message for next year: Unite for Good.

Thank you to Tony and Dan Davidson for putting up a new Rotary sign on the Casco Bay Bridge:



We were joined this week by:

- ❖ David Lourie - Welcome Back!*
- ❖ The Irvings' new dog (via Zoom)*

Membership Minute – Tiffanie spoke (for one minute only!) about the responsibilities of mentors, such as:

- Meeting with the new member in person;
- Sitting with the new member at meetings occasionally;
- Inviting the new member to other club/district events;
- Reaching out whenever it seems appropriate.

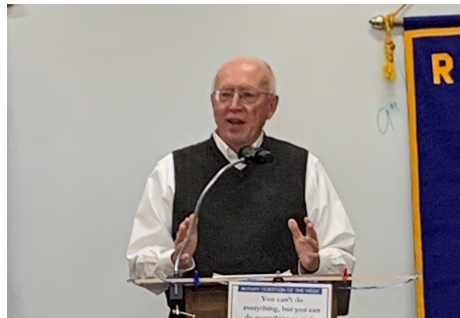
The Membership Committee will be distributing guidelines in the near future.

Farmers for Food Equity – Chris introduced our speaker this week, Ken Johnson, the Vice-President of Farmers for Food Equity. The organization was the brainchild of Penny Jordan, who joined us as a guest. The mission of Farmers for Food Equity is:

“We envision all Maine residents to be able to access and choose nutritious, desirable, safe food, especially farm-fresh fruits, vegetables and proteins while creating greater profitability and stability for Maine farms.”

The purpose of the organization is two-fold – to feed the hungry of course, but also at the same time to provide a safety net for farmers. Ken shared with us that many times a third of the crops that are grown are not harvested. Farmers have to plant their crops as if the weather may not be advantageous, but then when it turns out to be ideal, farmers are left with surplus crops that they can't find a market for. Farmers for Food Equity steps in and buys the surplus and donates it to organizations such as Wayside, Preble Street and the South Portland Food Cupboard. (Quote from Penny about the founder of SPFC: “Sybil is one of my heroes.”)

Farmers for Food Equity has a budget of about \$210,000, with overhead costs being a mere 7%. So far they have moved 614,000 pounds of fresh food from the fields to the tables of food-insecure Mainers – that's over 15 trailer truckloads full.



Thanks to Jeff Gabrielson's grandmother (I think?), the keepers of Bug Light (i.e. our club) are now in possession of a postcard of Bug Light dated 1938!



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%

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