

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 14, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

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

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

May 17 – Lions Club Chicken Dinner

May 19, 11:30 – Cape Elizabeth Public Works appreciation lunch at the CE fire station

May 21 – NO MEETING

May 28 – Judge Bill Kayatta

May 29, 5:00 – 7:00, Polio Eradication presentation by Mike McGovern at Highland Lake Resort in Bridgton, sponsored by the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club

May 31 – District Celebration at Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport – registration link available on District 7780 website

June 4 – Dee Dee Wacksman & Tom Meyers, Cape Elizabeth Historical Society (we'll be meeting at their location at Fort Williams – feel free to bring a picnic supper to the picnic shelter beforehand!)

June 11 – Club Internal Business; Strategic Planning Update; year-end review

June 18 – NO CLUB MEETING (However the District's Changeover will take place on that evening.)

June 19 – SPCE Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Price of admission = \$40 (or more!) donation to PolioPlus – give your check to Nicole, or let her know that you're sending it in yourself. The Sea Dogs will be playing the Akron Rubber Ducks. Like last year, in addition to your ticket to the game, your donation also buys you hot dogs, pizza, fruit & cheese platter and Sea Dogs biscuits (you're on your own for beverages and any other food items).

June 21 – 25 – Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Alberta

June 25 – Year End Change-over Celebration – details being worked out.

May 28 Duties

Opening Words – Sprague
Raffle Gift – DeGennaro
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

June 11 Duties

Opening Words – Sturtevant
Raffle Gift – Dorrington
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

President Nancy's Question of the Week:

What interests you about the person sitting next to or across from you?

Opening Words – Ellie Speh provided a quote from the late Pope Francis:

To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to Michele Danois! (May 31)

Happy Anniversary to

- Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia! (May 19)*
- David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)*

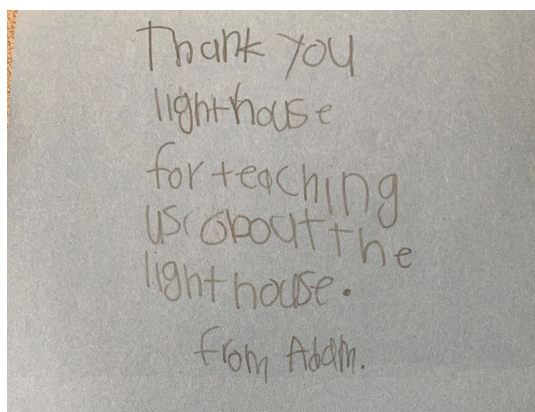
Congratulations to Matt McAleney (it was lucky redheads day - see below!) who won a gift certificate to North 43 courtesy of Michelle Danois!

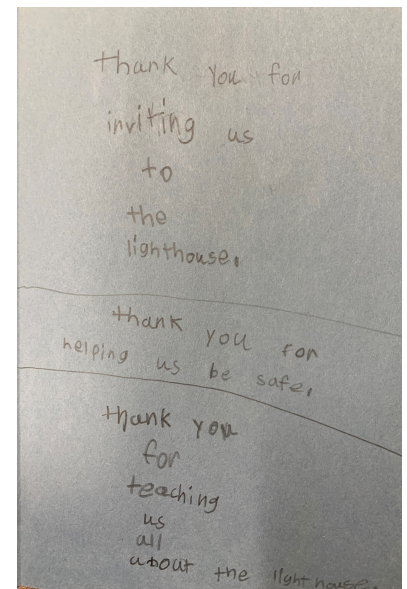
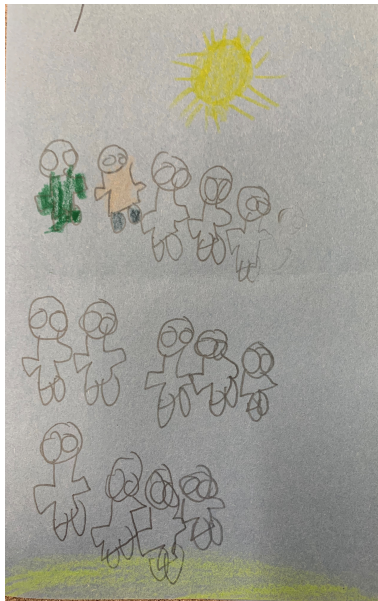
Congratulations to everyone involved in RYLA in our district - they have 128 students registered this year (out of a possible 144 maximum) so they have virtually recovered from the blow that Covid struck to the program.

Welcome Sam!! – As noted above, our club redheads were delighted to have another join their midst. And the rest of us were thrilled also! Sam Wilkens-O'Brien officially joined the club this week but he has been pretty much a de facto member ever since Kiley joined the club. Sam works at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Information Technology and is a classically trained multi-instrument musician, breakdancer, and pipe organ repair and tuning technician! As Tony noted in his introduction, Sam has been helping the club in many ways – at Bug Light, at the Food Cupboard, and notably at the Friday Night Block Party that was part of Springfest two years ago. Welcome to South Portland – Cape Elizabeth Rotary, Sam!



Thanks from Skillins First Graders – Our meeting this week was devoted to making sure we're ready for SpringFest – which we are, so it was an abbreviated meeting. So it's convenient that there isn't much to report on because it gives me a chance to show you some of the ADORABLE thank you cards that Tony received on behalf of the club from the first graders at Skillins school who visited Bug Light recently.





Bob's May Rotary Magazine Quiz

1. Utah's first club was formed in Salt Lake City. (No surprise) How many clubs are now in Utah?
 - a. 20
 - b. 37
 - c. 45
 - d. 58
2. Good article on snakes. How many persons die each year from snake bites? And what should they have done?
 - a. 2,850
 - b. 3,000
 - c. 40,800
 - d. 81,000
3. Cricket has been around for some time. When were its rules first recorded?
 - a. 1578
 - b. 1728
 - c. 1627
 - d. 1801
4. If you give a damn, then read about the dams along the 263-mile long Klamath River which is located where? *(Ed. note – this is a pun worthy of Dan Davidson)*
 - a. Austria
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. Northwestern U.S.
 - d. England
5. Victor Fleming has a 14-letter clue at 4 across in his latest puzzle with the clue being "Those words are not allowed." Hint: It has four short words. What is it?

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