

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 7, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

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

May 10, 8-10 – Work party to set up banners for SpringFest (rain date on Sunday, May 11)

May 14 – Club Internal Business – Springfest!

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

May 17 – Lions Club Chicken Dinner

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 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.

May 14 Duties

Opening Words – E Speh
Raffle Gift – Danois
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

May 28 Duties

Opening Words – Sprague
Raffle Gift – DeGennaro
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:
Do you believe in second chances?

Opening Words - Chris Speh shared some less well-known witty remarks by Mark Twain:

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority
It's time to pause and reflect.

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel
In which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Go to heaven for the climate, go to hell for the company.

It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand
That bother me, it's the parts that I do understand.

The only way to keep your health
Is to eat what you don't want,
Drink what you don't like,
And do what you'd rather not.

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience:
This is the ideal life.

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds
On the heel that has crushed it.

It is curious that physical courage should be so common
To the world and moral courage so rare.

The two most important days in your life are
The day you were born and the day you learn why.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to our friend across the pond, Bill York! (May 14)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia! (May 19)

Get well wishes to Laurenz - we look forward to seeing you hale and hearty again soon!

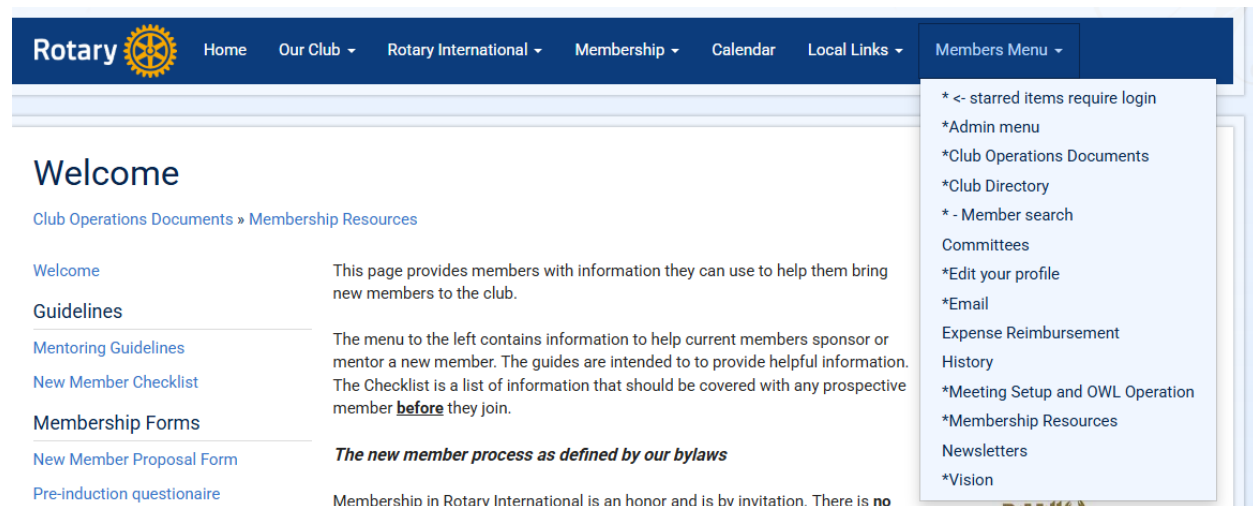
Congratulations to John LoBosco who drew his own raffle ticket number, resulting in a gift certificate to Red's from Bob Danielson.

Helping the South Portland Food Cupboard – Although it was previously announced that Sari would be leaving the club to join a club in Florida where she now lives, she is certainly no lame duck! Sari is working on a district grant application to purchase a walk-in cooler for the South Portland Food Cupboard at its new location. One of the criteria for district grants is that there be Rotarian participation. So Sari asked Tony to come up with an estimate of Rotarian hours spent volunteering at the SPFC. He came up with a staggering 2000 hours!! Proving that we don't just throw money at problems – we're in the trenches crossing out barcodes, driving the van to pick up food, collecting food at Sounds by the Sea, assisting with fundraisers and various other tasks. And unfortunately the need continues to grow – you may have seen the article in the Portland Press Herald last week. SPFC is on pace to serve families 7,000 times this fiscal year, a 65% increase over 3 years ago.

Sounds by the Sea – As noted in the article above, the Sounds by the Sea concerts are free but concertgoers are encouraged to bring a food donation for the South Portland Food Cupboard. Our club's participation with the concerts is as a sponsor and collecting the food donations. The summer schedule is as follows in case you want to add these to your calendar already:

- ♪ July 7 – Maine Marimba Ensemble – Picnic Shelter
- ♪ July 14 – Ocean House Road Band – Picnic Shelter
- ♪ July 21 – Pejepscot Station (the band that played for us in February) – Bandstand
- ♪ July 28 – Pine State Pitches – Bandstand
- ♪ August 4 – The High Spirits – Bandstand
- ♪ August 11 – Novel Jazz Septet – Picnic Shelter

Membership Moment – Scott pointed out some Membership Resources that have been added to the club website all in one convenient place. Here’s how to remember where they are – you’re a member, so go to the Members Menu!



The screenshot shows the Rotary website's navigation bar with the 'Members Menu' dropdown open. The main content area displays a 'Welcome' message and a list of links for members, including 'Welcome', 'Guidelines', 'Mentoring Guidelines', 'New Member Checklist', 'Membership Forms', 'New Member Proposal Form', and 'Pre-induction questionnaire'. A sidebar on the right lists various resources, some marked with an asterisk to indicate they require login.

Scott has also added a link in the Members Menu to Email, which is a much simpler way for club members to send emails to the entire club, the board or selected members. It’s pretty easy to send emails through ClubRunner but feel free to contact Scott or me if you have any questions.

Meet the New Town Manager – Our speaker this week as new (since October) Cape Elizabeth town manager Patrick Fox. Pat grew up in South Portland and studied bioengineering at Wentworth Institute in Boston. He worked on the Big Dig before moving to Saco where he spent 20 years working for that city. Pat spoke about the Town Council’s goals & initiatives:

- ✓ Transportation Safety
- ✓ Community Projects
- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Environmental Concerns
- ✓ Property Tax Relief
- ✓ Cell Phone Infrastructure
- ✓ Engaged Citizens

He described a systematic way of managing the town’s capital assets which are worth about \$170 million.

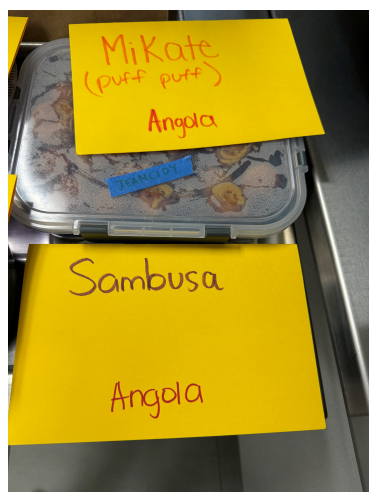
Neither of them were aware of this before meeting each other last fall but it turns out that Pat is related to former CE town manager Mike McGovern. Mike is in a unique position to evaluate Pat’s performance: “he’s doing an outstanding job.”



World Culture Day – Thank you to those who helped out at World Culture Day at South Portland Middle School:

- ❖ Bev Altenburg
- ❖ Catherine Dorrington
- ❖ Jeff Gabrielson
- ❖ Nancy Irving
- ❖ Sue Sturtevant

And of course to Sari Greene for organizing our volunteer efforts. Those who volunteered reported that they had a good time and they were impressed with the event.



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