

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 13, 2024**



Upcoming Dates:

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

November 19, 5:30 – Club Board meeting via zoom. All are welcome – see President Nancy's email for the link.

November 20 – Surprise speaker!

November 23, 9 – 10:30 a.m. - Corey Hinton, leader of Drummond Woodsum's Tribal Nations Practice Group will be speaking about the issues facing Maine's indigenous nations. Via zoom, presented by the district's Indigenous Peoples Committee.

November 23 (Sat.) – Tree Lot Setup

November 27 – No meeting, Happy Thanksgiving!!

November 29 (Fri.) – 1st Tree Delivery

December 3 (Tues) & 6 (Fri) – Service opportunity at Partners for World Health. There will be opportunities to work in the morning or in the afternoon – or both! If these days don't fit your schedule, there will be more opportunities to work at PWH in the spring. More details to come.

December 4 – Club Internal Business and Classification Talk

December 7 (Sat.) – 2nd Tree Delivery

December 19, 5:30 – 7:30 – Party at Purpoodock! We will have a social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres – details are being worked out – put it on your calendar!

November 20 Duties

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

December 4 Duties

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

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **11-21-11**
**And a tip about the meeting setup – if you sign up, you won't be doing it alone – there are always people there to help!*

President Nancy's Questions of the Week **What is one of your dreams?**

Opening Words – Bob Knupps told us how he celebrated Veterans Day (he got a free haircut!) and shared some thoughts about veterans:

“We are fortunate to live in a state in which so many have served our nation, in which so many joined together to support them.” – Sen. Susan Collins

“Maine veterans teach us, all of us, to cherish our rights and to remember those who gave their lives for these freedoms.” – Gov. Janet Mills

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

 Tom Hamerski - Nov. 26

 Mike Tranfaglia - Dec. 2

Congratulations to Laurenz who won a gift certificate to Home Depot donated by Anne - Laurenz only comes to meetings to DONATE the raffle prize or to WIN the raffle prize!

Congratulations to Michele Varuolo Cole who will become our District Governor in 3 years. Here is the succession of district leaders in this formerly "old boys" club (see if you can spot a trend):

- ❖ *This year - Bob MacKenzie from Kennebunk (last week's speaker)*
- ❖ *Next year - Emma Bodwell from Bridgton-Lakes Region*
- ❖ *Then - Michele Bois-Gilbody from Freeport*
- ❖ *After that - Michele Varuolo Cole from Bethel*

Guests – Jill Nadeau joined us for the **sixth** time!

Football – Although three people were tied going into Monday night, the Rams loss ruled Dick Yerxa out so Chris Speh & Adrienne were tied. Chris won out on points though – congratulations, Chris - come on up and collect your trophy! Bob Danielson leads the overall picks with 202 correct but Dick is hot on his heels with 200.

Nominating Committee Completes its Mission in Record Time! – Dan McDonald reported on the work of the Nominating Committee which nominated this slate of officers for next year (July, 2025 – June, 2026):

- President-Elect – Laurenz Schmidt
- Vice-President – Chuck Redman
- Treasurer – Marge Dugan
- Secretary – Kathy Cotter
- Membership Director – Scott Irving
- International Service Director – Hannah Olshansky
- Community Service Director – Sari Greene
- Youth Service Director – Ray Healey
- Club Administration Director – Bev Altenburg

The club voted to close nominations – these officers will be elected at a meeting in December.

These two board positions are automatic and do not need to be voted on:

- President – Peter Bennett
- Past President – Nancy Irving

In addition, the committee chairs are appointed positions and do not need to be voted on by the club. Significant committee chairs are:

- Tree Sale Committee – Kathy Cotter and Mike Tranfaglia have agreed to co-chair next year.
- SpringFest- Jim Britt has agreed to continue as chair.

Dan gave credit to his "recruiter-in-chief" John LoBosco and his fellow recruiter Dave Bagdasarian Sr. for filling out the complete slate of officers.

Thank you to all of these individuals for your willingness to give your time and talents to our club!

Community Service Grants – Sari reported on the recent meeting of the ad hoc grants review committee. To recap how the process works: rather than routinely giving the same amount every year to the same organizations, we request that these organizations – or any new ones – apply for a grant from our club and tell us how they will be using the money. On a quarterly basis, an ad hoc committee meets to review the applications. This committee consists of anyone who wants to participate and you can do it just once or every quarter – there is no commitment. Sari printed up cards that direct people to the online location of the application. If you’re talking to anyone on the tree lot who works at or otherwise knows about an organization we might want to help, please hand them a card. Here are the most recent grants approved:

- 💰 \$600 – South Portland Middle School to fund transportation to Portland to take a black history walking tour (see more below)
- 💰 \$500 – South Portland High School for transportation for students to attend activities with their mentors
- 💰 \$1,000 – Greater Portland Family Promise for culturally appropriate food
- 💰 \$1,000 – Locker Project for food storage & transportation
- 💰 \$1,500 – Durham Warriors to allow disabled veterans and active duty military to spend time with their families at Maine Forest Yurts in Durham, Maine
- 💰 \$2,000 – The Family Restored, the organization that Bob MacKenzie spoke about last week
- 💰 A grant to SoPo Unite is also pending.

What the Middle Schoolers will be doing – I’m embarrassed to say that I have worked in the Old Port for years and had no idea until recently that I was in the midst of the Portland Freedom Trail. So in order to make sure you’re smarter than a 5th grader, I encourage you to take the self-guided walking tour yourself sometime if you haven’t already – here’s a pamphlet that describes it:

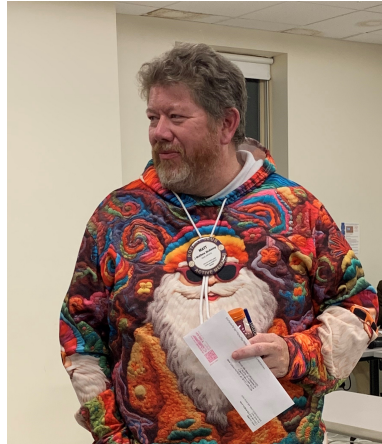
https://www.mainehistory.org/documents/41/Portland_Freedom_Trail.pdf

Each location on the “trail” is marked by one of these markers that I walked by a million times without knowing what they were.



Tree Answers – Most of the questions in last week’s quiz were worded so you should have been able to figure out the correct answer. But if you’re new to the tree sale, you might not have known:

- 🌲 The trees we sell are balsam fir.
- 🌲 Our bank is Bath Savings Institution.
- 🌲 And please read the instructions in the tree trailer.



Other tidbits that we learned from Matt about the tree sale:

- 🌲 The wreaths had to be purchased from a different vendor this year so Matt and a few others will be driving up to Bangor to fetch them.
- 🌲 The prices for trees will be the same but the wreath prices had to be increased – apparently wreaths are in short supply this year.
- 🌲 There will be on online sales, and we will be selling trees to the islands only upon request (Casco Bay Lines transports them at no charge).
- 🌲 I should have asked a trivia question about this but no, the “Frostmobile” did not get its name from the weather or Jack – it was named for former Rotarian Ray Frost who was responsible for the club getting the trailer. He was president of our club in 1969-70.
- 🌲 Athletic teams from the high school have been lined up to help with the lot setup and the tree unloadings – the SPSHS football team will help with the lot setup and the basketball team (tall!) will help with the first tree delivery. A couple teams from SPSHS and CEHS are drawing straws to see who gets to help with the second delivery.
- 🌲 Bill Lohrman will be monitoring the signups for us.
- 🌲 This is the shortest possible selling season due to when Thanksgiving falls. We will still require 557 Rotarian person-hours however – please sign up for your shifts if you’re able to work.

Answers to Bob’s November Rotary Quiz –

1. Who is Daniel Himelspach?
 - a. A world renowned polka band leader
 - b. The U.S. Ambassador to Germany
 - c. Mayor of Frankenburg, Germany
 - d. A Rotary Director

2. What percentage of the European urban population like basketball?
 - a. 23%
 - b. 47%
 - c. 58%
 - d. 72%
3. Go fly a kite (remember Benjamin Franklin) – when was the earliest account of kite flying?
 - a. 1536
 - b. 1722
 - c. 200 B.C.
 - d. 838
4. And, who is Sangkoo Yun?
 - a. A famous Korean architect
 - b. A Korean baseball player
 - c. RI nominee for President in 2026-2027
 - d. Promoter of Korean clam chowder

Bonus question: Victor Fleming, the crossword puzzle genius, asks in 15 across: “AC/DC power.” What is the 4-letter answer? **ELEC**

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Tree Sale – Matt McAleney
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