

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
November 6, 2024**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**November 13** – Club Assembly (Nominating Committee Report; Discuss Tree Sale)

**November 20** – Doug Schauf, Navigating Today's Real Estate Market

**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.)** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13 Duties**

Opening Words – Knupp  
Raffle Gift – Swift-Kayatta  
Meeting Room Setup – *please volunteer*  
Owl – McDonald

**November 20 Duties**

Opening Words – Lall Pakash  
Raffle Gift – Tranfaglia  
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:**

**What random act of kindness can I do this week to surprise someone?**

**Opening Words** – Scott Irving shared some pithy quotes with us:

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

(something by Eleanor Roosevelt that I didn't catch enough words to find on Google)

“His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity” – supposedly on a performance review

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

*Happy Birthday to Nicole Albert (November 13)*

*Happy Anniversary to Adrienne & Steve Murphy (November 12)!*

*Jeff Gabrielson won (again!) a beautiful bouquet of flowers donated by Sue Surtevant (don't tell Linda that Jeff didn't buy them for her!)*

*Guests – Jill Nadeau joined us once again – her attendance has been so steady that we might see her name on the slate of officers for next year!*

**The Yorkie Goes to York (of course!)** – Last week yielded a tie yet again with Peter Bennett and Bill York atop the leader board but Bill had the closest number of total points for the Monday night game. This is Bill’s second win this season – so far!



**Survey Says...** – Bev reported that in response to her query as to whether people had an interest in going to the Maine Celtics or Maine Mariners – and which one – the result was dead even – the same number preferred basketball as hockey. The next couple months are pretty busy so she’ll look at scheduling something in January or February.

**For Cape Elizabeth Residents** – I was asked to include this reminder in the bulletin:

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:p.m., at Thomas Memorial Library, the Town will be hosting a public workshop to collect community input on draft strategies and actions that will form the basis of the Climate Action Plan. Town Council will be asked to formally approve a proposed Climate Action Plan early next year. Folks can learn more about work done to date and complete a survey online at <https://www.capeclimateaction.com/>

**Visit from Our District Governor** – This week was our “official” visit from District 7780 Governor Bob MacKenzie, whom I described in last week’s bulletin. Bob shared a very personal story about the struggles with substance use disorder which 3 of his 5 children have faced, which is why he is so passionate about this topic. He was very enthusiastic about The Family Restored, Their mission is: “Believing recovery is possible, our mission is to strengthen and support families affected by addiction.” They accomplish this by offering family support groups (150 families helped each week), 12-step recovery workshops and scholarships to help pay for treatment and recovery housing for those who cannot afford it (they have awarded 859 scholarships to date – over \$1 million). Our club has donated to this organization in the past and donated \$2,000 just two months ago.



**Preparing for Next Week** – At our next meeting members of our Tree Sale Committee will be making sure we're well prepared to sell trees. To prepare you for this preparation, here's a quiz - 2 quizzes in one week!

1. The trees we sell are:
  - a. Frasier fir
  - b. Norwegian spruce
  - c. Scotch pine
  - d. Balsam fir
2. The number of shifts we are supposed to sign up for is:
  - a. Two 6-hour shifts
  - b. Four 3-hour shifts
  - c. Six 2-hour shifts
  - d. Eight 1-hour shifts
3. When signing up for shifts: If you are vertically challenged or otherwise not easily able to lift a lot of trees, you should
  - a. Look for slots filled with other people of similar abilities so you can bond with them.
  - b. Look for slots with at least one other person whom you suspect has a reasonably strong back.
  - c. Wait as late as possible to sign up in hopes that you won't be needed
  - d. Sign up but then stay home if you don't feel like lifting trees.
4. Which of the following is suitable attire for selling trees?
  - a. Your oldest winter jacket
  - b. A heated vest and/or socks
  - c. A reindeer antler headband
  - d. A Hawaiian shirt
  - e. All of the above
5. If you are on the first shift of the day, after opening the trailer you should put the key
  - a. Back under the tongue of the trailer
  - b. Inside the trailer
  - c. In your pocket
  - d. In your car
6. You should refill the racks
  - a. Whenever there are any spaces
  - b. When they get down to 10 trees on a rack
  - c. Only when the temperature is above 32 degrees
  - d. Only when there are at least 3 other people on the lot to take money and greet customers
7. If there is a child on the lot, you should feel free to give them
  - a. A gnome ornament
  - b. A candy cane (with their parents' permission)
  - c. An Xacto knife
  - d. All of the above

*(Ha – trick question!!!)*

8. Which is true about cutting tree stumps with the chain saw?
  - a. You should encourage customers to cut their own tree so that they can cut it the way they want it.
  - b. You should cut stumps at an angle so they will have more surface area to draw water.
  - c. You should make sure there are no children standing near you when you cut.
  - d. Our chain saw is the self-maintenance model which means it never needs oil or cleaning.
9. If there is cash to deposit at the end of the day, it should be deposited in the night deposit slot at
  - a. M&T Bank
  - b. Bath Savings Institution
  - c. Norway Savings Bank
  - d. Key Bank
10. If you're unsure of how to do something:
  - a. Read the instructions
  - b. Read the instructions
  - c. Read the instructions
  - d. Read the instructions

**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?

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