

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
October 2, 2024**



Upcoming Dates:

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

October 6, 10 – 2 – Grand Opening Open House of the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society's new home at Fort Williams.

October 9 – Club Committee Reports

October 12, 5 – 7:30 – Lobster Dinner at Lions Club, Bowery Beach Schoolhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth

October 16 – NO MEETING

October 17, 3:45 – World Polio Day Celebration by walking across the Casco Bay Bridge with the Portland Club. Meet at Broadway Bowl and be sure to wear your End Polio gear – or something red if you have no End Polio Now gear. After the walk across the bridge, everyone will enjoy “Pints for Polio” at Broadway Bowl and the restaurant will donate \$1 for each point to PolioPlus.

October 23 – Jennifer Hutchins, Maine Association of Non-Profits

October 24, 5:30 (or when you can make it) – Food Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

October 24 – World Polio Day

October 26, 12:30 – 4:30 – Camp Harvest Festival at Cape Elizabeth Schools. Rotary has agreed to run two of the booths (popcorn & cotton candy) – see online signup or contact Ray directly.

October 30 – Margaret Angell, Roux Institute

November 6 – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

November 23 (Sat.) – Tree Lot Setup

November 29 (Fri.) – 1st Tree Delivery

December 2 (Mon) & 6 (Fri) – Service opportunity at Partners for World Health. Details to come.

December 7 (Sat.) – 2nd Tree Delivery

October 9 Duties

Opening Words – Hamerski
Raffle Gift – C Spoh
Meeting Room Setup – *please volunteer*
Owl – *please volunteer*

October 23 Duties

Opening Words – Hawes
Raffle Gift – E Spoh
Meeting Room Setup - Wagner
Owl – *please volunteer*

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

Opening Words – Sari was observing Rosh Hashana so she was not present but submitted these opening words:

Tonight is Erev Rosh Hashana which begins the Jewish High Holidays. In the Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashana is not only considered the first day of the new year, but also the world's birthday, and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe. The next 10 days leading up to Yom Kippur are considered to be the holiest of the whole year, in which we are forced to confront our mortality, to embrace our vulnerability, and to take a hard look at ourselves, our lives, and our values.

We ask ourselves are we living our life to its fullest? Are we living in sync with our values? How have we failed over the last year? How have we succeeded? How can we shed the layers that block us from our core selves, from the truest manifestation of our being?

Next Wednesday, I will share with you the delicious tradition of eating apples and honey to symbolize our hope for a sweet new year. But tonight, let me leave you with this poem.

Untitled

by Dawna Markova

I will not die an unlived life,
I will not live in fear
Of falling or catching fire.

I choose to inhabit my days
To allow my living to open me,
To make me less afraid,
more accessible,
To loosen my heart
Until it becomes a wing,
A torch, a promise.

I choose to risk my significance; to live
So that which came to me as seed
Goes to the next as blossom
And that which came to me as blossom
Goes on as fruit.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Thank you to Peter for running the meeting in President Nancy's absence. She was in California with Scott to attend his stepfather's funeral. He lived a good long life - nearly made it to 100 (13 days short)! Our condolences to Scott & Nancy and their family on the loss of Scott's stepdad, but also on the loss of their 13-year-old dog who died while Nancy was traveling home.

Happy Birthday to

 Jeff Gabrielson - October 9

 Brent Wilson - October 9

 Bob Danielson - October 15

Congratulations to Tom Hamerski, who won a chance to roll the dice to determine how much money Laurenz would give him. He rolled a "one" so that meant he received \$10 and the club got \$50!

We also had a 2nd raffle inspired by the article on Cincinnati chili in the Rotary magazine - DeeDee, who has made Cincinnati chili umpteen million times, donated Cincinnati chili mix which Mike T won.

Our club swapped banners with a Rotary club in Kingston, New York thanks to Bob Knupp's brother-in-law.

Guests – It was McDonald Day at Rotary this week. Not only were Dan's son Kelly and granddaughter Sophie our speakers, but we were also joined by Joan and by their old family friend Leah from Takoma Park, MD.

A New Method for Picking Winners! –Bags has a new method for selecting winners: “Speed-picking!” He won the pool last week with 12 correct picks. Chris and Ellie were both tied for second with 11 correct picks. You might think, “of course they tied, they live in the same house.” But no, they did not pick identical teams and yet they both ended up with 11 winners.



Spread the Word! – Our Community Service Director Sari printed some cards for us to distribute as appropriate to advertise our Community Grants Program. The card provides the website address where interested people/organizations can find a grant application: <https://tinyurl.com/SPCEgrant> If you weren't at the meeting where she distributed them, you can help yourself to them at our Rotary cabinet at SMCC.

Last Week's Program – Our guest speaker on September 25 was Michaela Collins, the community engagement coordinator for the Pine Tree Society. Michaela has been in that position for 4 months after moving to Maine from Florida. The Pine Tree Society was founded in 1935 and works toward “discovering abilities together.” It is perhaps best known for its camp in the Belgrade Lakes area.

The camp is fully accessible, including a tree house – is that cool or what! Another cool thing is their fleet of adaptive bikes which allow campers to try them out before making an investment in their own bike.

The camp has an open door policy and never turns away a camper due to inability to pay. As a result, they need to raise \$2.2 million to operate the camp. This is accomplished primarily through Dysart's Snowmobile Ride-In Weekend, the Bath Savings Paddle for Pine Tree Camp and the Flutie 5k held at the camp – happening this Saturday (10/5).

A Look at Scouting Challenges Today – This was our topic from our speaker this week, Kelly McDonald, who is the scoutmaster of Troop One (and as noted above, Dan's son). He was joined by his youngest child Sophie, who has been a member of the troop for 3 years (after being a brownie and a cub scout).

Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) is the oldest youth leadership program in the US, founded in 1910. Just one year later, Troop One was formed and has been meeting in the same basement (at Stevens Avenue Congregational Church) ever since! There are currently 35 scouts in the troop with an even mix of genders. There are 3 key components in the program:

- Youth Leadership of multi-age groups
- Outdoor Skills build self-confidence & self-reliance
- Individual Advancement provides structure for learning and personal achievement, culminating in Eagle Scout.

Sophie spoke about the fact that all activities are “scout led” and how that plays out. They also spoke about the “painfully slow movement towards inclusion,” culminating in allowing girls to join just five years ago. Despite the concerns that adults raised about being co-ed, as far as the scouts are concerned it's “no big deal.”



Bob's September Rotary Quiz

1. Marrakech, Morocco is a famous place in WW2 history and also where several Rotary clubs are located. How many clubs are there in Morocco?
 - a. 103
 - b. 47
 - c. 97
 - d. 64
2. Where is Wofford College
 - a. Louisiana
 - b. South Carolina
 - c. West Virginia
 - d. Montana
3. What is the share of New York state residents of Irish descent?
 - a. 19%
 - b. 27%
 - c. 31%
 - d. 11%
4. Where will the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference be held?
 - a. Casablanca
 - b. London
 - c. Istanbul
 - d. Hanoi
5. Bonus Question: Crossword puzzle 25 across: "Tulsa sch. named for a televangelist."

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