

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 11 & 25, 2024**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**September 30** – Tree Sale Committee meeting at 7 at 345 Cottage Road (Matt's office)

**October 2** – Kelly McDonald, "A Look at Scouting Challenges Today"

**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** – World Polio Day Celebration by walking across the Casco Bay Bridge with the Portland Club. Meet around 3:30 in the Shaw's parking lot. More details to come.

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

**October 30** – Margaret Angell, Roux Institute

**November 6** – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

**October 2 Duties**

Opening Words – Greene  
Raffle Gift – Schmidt  
Meeting Room Setup  
Owl – Albert

**October 9 Duties**

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

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

***President Nancy's Questions of the Week***

**September 11 – How do you show someone you care?**

**September 25 – How do you want to serve?**

**Opening Words** – On September 11, Jeff Gabrielson's opening words fittingly were about peace, from the words of an ancient Chinese philosopher, Lao tzu:

If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace between nations;

If there is to be peace between nations,  
There must be peace between cities;

If there is to be peace between cities,  
There must be peace between neighbors;

If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
There must be peace in the home;

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

And on a related theme, President Nancy offered some thoughts on friendship at the September 25 meeting, including this one by Woodrow Wilson:

*“Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.”*

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

*Happy Birthday to Frank Butterworth on October 1!*

Happy Anniversary to

🏠 Bob & Mary Leigh Hanson (belated; it was Thursday)

🏠 Mike & Becca Geneseo - October 3

And speaking of Mike & Becca - congratulations on the new home and a very sad farewell that you're leaving us to move to Mechanics Falls 😞 There were MANY happy dollars given this week to recognize the significant contribution that Mike made to keeping our club alive during the pandemic. Thank you for all you've done for our club and best wishes for you and your family - please stay in touch!

Congratulations to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia on the birth of their granddaughter Sally O'Connor!

Congratulations to these raffle winners:

- ❖ Three weeks ago - Ray Healey (I had forgotten to write it down)
- ❖ Two weeks ago - a gift certificate to Tostones donated by Chuck - won by guest Cynthia Dill, and
- ❖ Two weeks ago - a Sea Dogs baseball cap donated by our speaker Emma Tiedemann over a year ago (and it was in the back of my closet until now) - won by Matt McAleney
- ❖ This week - Dan McDonald won tickets to a Maine Mariners hockey game donated by Doug Schauf

Congratulations to Patty Sprague and the organizers of our mini-Theater Night last weekend. In the recap of the event, the word "great" was used many times to describe the fun, food and entertainment!

September Rotaversaries:

- 🌀 Marge Dugan - 2 years
- 🌀 Patty Sprague - 5 years
- 🌀 Ellie Speh - 15 years
- 🌀 Ray Healey - 30 years
- 🌀 Bob Danielson - 30 years
- 🌀 Dave Bagdasarjian (Sr) - 42 years
- 🌀 Jack Roberts - 49 years

And while we're at it, October Rotaversaries!

- 🌀 Jim Britt - 11 years
- 🌀 Nancy Irving - 14 years

- 🌀 *Mike Tranfaglia - 15 years*
- 🌀 *Sybil Riemensnider - 16 years*
- 🌀 *Nancy Hawes - 33 years*
- 🌀 *Mike McGovern - 38 years*
- 🌀 *Tony Wagner - 42 years*

Guests –Cynthia Dill joined us as a guest on September 11, and on September 25 we were joined by Jill Nadeau.

**Congratulations, Boys & Girls Club!!!!** (submitted by Tony Wagner) - John LoBosco and I attended the 50th anniversary celebration for the Boys and Girls Club of South Portland. There were over 100 in attendance. Our Club contributed a \$2,500 donation, from the Youth Services budget, which was matched by Duston Leddy Real Estate.

SPCE Rotary got special recognition as a significant founding partner 50 years ago. We helped them get over a significant hurdle with a \$5000 donation, a very large one at the time. Several Rotarians along with Sam DiPietro and others also provided support for the effort. Bill York was a member of that group and over the years has been an untiring supporter.

And from Abby Ryan, BGClub Events & Annual Fund Coordinator: “Your presence made the event truly special, and we are grateful for you support over the years.”



**Congratulations and a Slight Rant** – Foundation Chair Nicole presented Bev with her “Paul Harris Fellow + 1 pin on September 11 – congratulations, Bev, and thanks for your generosity.



Now for the rant part – I’ll refrain from my frustration at what a complicated recognition system The Rotary Foundation came up with and how difficult it is for club Foundation chairs to get information and confine myself to ranting about the PHF+1 (+2, +3, etc.) designations. When you donate \$1,000 cumulatively (or someone transfers points to you, another complication) you receive a pin that says you’re a “Paul Harris Fellow.” When you cumulatively donate \$2,000 (or again, combination of dollars and points), it would be logical that you would receive recognition as PHF Level 2 or something similar with a “2” in it. But no, that makes you PHF+1, (as Bev is) which leads to a lot of confusion. Okay, that’s the end of my rant – please donate anyway!! And thank you to everyone who has supported The Rotary Foundation’s PolioPlus campaign either through the baseball game or the football pool (or both!). Nicole reports that our club has generously raised **\$1,600** through the football pool!!!! Which leads us to....

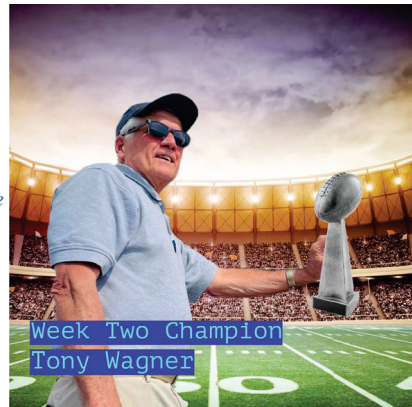
### **Football Pool Winners**

*Week One:* Congratulations to Dick Yerxa! The commissioners made a personal delivery of the trophy to Dick’s home. There are photos but I’m having trouble transferring them into the bulletin – I’ll keep working on it.

*Week Two:* There were six players who had nine correct picks but Tony came the closest to guessing the correct score - congratulations! (The other five were DeeDee, John, Kathy, President Nancy and Bill York.) Since we did not meet last week, Commissioner Emeritus Chuck decided that the most suitable place to present the trophy would be at Bug Light.



*Left: the photo Chuck sent me*



*Right: the photo Jim sent me*

*Week Three:* Since he had the most correct picks last year, it was inevitable that Bob Danielson would be a weekly winner – congratulations! Coming in second were Tony, Marge, Bev and Scott.





**But is it too soon to think about Basketball??** – Hannah has passed along that the Maine Celtics are offering 6-game mini plans starting at \$108 per ticket. There are a variety of package options including Sunday matinee, weeknight, Friday night and even New Year’s Eve! If you go, you might even see Hannah there!

**September 11 Meeting** – Two weeks ago we met to hear what the board members have been up to. Here are some of the items that they reported on.

*Care Committee* – Club Administration Director Bev suggested that we form a “Care” Committee and Anne & Adrienne have stepped forward to co-chair that committee. If you know of someone within our club’s extended family (including yourself) that has something going on for which reaching out to them would be appreciated, please let one of them know. Examples: illness, death in the family, births, etc. The committee will determine the appropriate way to respond on behalf of the club, whether it’s a card, phone call, personal visit, etc. In addition the committee will be ensuring that we reach out in some way to our “Honorary Plus” members a few times a year. (Honorary plus means our honorary members PLUS members who are still active members but would be eligible to be honorary members.)

They have also put together a box of cards which will be available at meetings for members to take home if they want to send a personal card. We often have a card available at meetings for everyone to sign, and when signing it you may have thought “I ought to send a card myself also” but then you forget by the time you get home. This way you can grab a card out of the box to take home with you to make it so much easier to add your personal touch.

*Membership Survey* – Membership Director Brent and his committee are working on a survey to distribute to members and are hoping to get it out within the next month. Events in which Bug Light has been open have generated interest (including Jill Nadeau who was a guest this week!). The committee is also developing a mentorship program.

*Trees!* – Trees have been ordered and everything is on schedule. You should have received an invitation from Matt to attend the tree committee meeting on Monday – all are welcome.

*Public Relations* – our PR chair Jim Britt encourages everyone to let him know if you become aware of any opportunities for publicity for our club.

*Partners for World Health* – International Service Director Hannah has been in touch with PWH about possible dates for a service day with them – stay tuned!

*RYLA & Interact* - - Youth Services Director Ray outlined his plans for approaching our two communities’ school administrators to re-energize our high school-based programs.

**To Be Continued...** - the bulletin is already long enough since I missed a week so I’ll write about the Pine Tree Society and include Bob’s quiz in next week’s bulletin.

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH**

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Vice-President – Chuck Redman  
Secretary – Kathy Cotter  
Treasurer – Marge Dugan

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg  
Youth Services – Ray Healey  
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International Services/Foundation – Hannah Olshansky  
Membership – Brent Wilson  
Director-At-Large – Dan McDonald

Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Matt McAleney  
SpringFest – Jim Britt  
Program Chair – Chris Speh  
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert  
Social Media - Matt McAleney  
Publicity – Jim Britt  
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