

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 4, 2024**



Upcoming Dates:

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

Throughout September – “Bloomin 4 Good” – Hannaford at the Mall will donate \$1 to our club for every designated bunch of flowers sold during the month of September.

September 11 – Club Strategic Plan Update

September 14, 9-3 – Bug Light Open House for Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 18 – NO MEETING

September 19, 4:30 – 6:30 – 50th Anniversary Celebration, South Portland Boys & Girls Club, 169 Broadway, SP

September 21 – Dinner and a Show! Dinner at 43 North at 5:30 followed by Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Lyric Theater at 7:30. Patty's one of the actors! See the signup that was emailed to you.

September 25 – Club Board meeting, via Zoom

September 25 – Adria King, Pine Tree Society

September 26, 5:30 (or whenever you can get there) – South Portland Food Cupboard

September 28 – 3rd Annual Recovery Conference at Noble High School in North Berwick.

October 17 – World Polio Day Celebration by walking across the Casco Bay Bridge with the Portland Club. (See Kathy Cotter's email if you want to order End Polio Now shirts or sweatshirts.)

November 6 – District Governor Visit from Bob MacKenzie

September 11 Duties

Opening Words – Gabrielson
Raffle Gift – Redman
Meeting Room Setup – Butterworth
Owl - Altenburg

September 25 Duties

Opening Words – Geneseo
Raffle Gift – Schauf
Meeting Room Setup – Swift-Kayatta

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

Reminder that we need people to sign up online for Meeting Room Setup and Owl Operation – thank you to those who have already signed up!

President Nancy's Question of the Week:

How can you help with Springfest before the date of the event??

Opening Words – President Nancy filled in with this quote from Ziad K. Abdelnour

“Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. And if things don't work out, just take another shot.”

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to Sari Greene (September 11)

Happy Anniversary to

🎁 Bob & Alicia Danielson - 41 years on September 10

🎁 Dan & Edie Davidson - 62 years on September 15

Congratulations to the winner (I didn't write it down!) of a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Hannah

Get well wishes to Jack Roberts who underwent two successful surgeries last week.

The club received a card from Carolyn Johnson of the Yarmouth club thanking us for our get well wishes. Carolyn is home now and getting right back into her Rotary duties. Welcome home, Carolyn!!

Thank you to President Nancy for bringing a delicious cake to our meeting (she said she had too much sourdough!)

Where Are We Meeting? – For those who haven't been to our new meeting classroom, here's where it is:

- ✓ We're in the same building – Preble Hall, the one right next to the SMCC cafeteria.
- ✓ Go through the right-hand door. There are signs next to the door that say "93 Campus Center Drive" and "Preble Hall."
- ✓ Go straight ahead – either up the stairs or into the elevator to go up one flight.
- ✓ Take a right and you can't miss us – we're in the corner on the right.

Tiffanie reports that we are in that classroom just for this semester and will most likely be in our old location this winter.

Konbit Sante – Chris introduced our speaker this week, Perry Newman, Executive Director of Konbit Sante. Perry was well-known to many club members, whether because he is a long-time resident of South Portland or due to his role as first director of the Maine International Trade Center. Konbit Sante's mission is to "support the development of a sustainable health system to meet the needs of the Cap-Haitien community with maximum local direction and support." Cap-Haitien is a city on the northern shore of Haiti and while it hasn't faced the brunt of the violence in Haiti that has been in the news, it is still a poor community. Perry explained that Konbit Sante, a Maine-based nonprofit that has been in existence for 25 years, differs from many other nonprofits in its approaches:

- ❖ **Systemic** versus piecemeal approach
- ❖ **Focused** versus widespread activity
- ❖ **Local control** versus "superior" guidance
- ❖ **Sustained commitment** versus occasional support
- ❖ **Develop local expertise** versus "importing" expertise on an ad hoc basis

A lot of the support that Konbit Sante provides is in helping to develop data management systems and process improvements (since you can't manager what you can't measure).

Perry ended on a positive note that the Haitians are a resilient people – a UNICEF poll found that "despite all odds, 65% of youth remain hopeful – either very (24%) or at least a little (41%) – about the future of children in Haiti, against 14% who are not very hopeful and 10% not at all."

Thank You Tony and Jaymie! – In anticipation of all the extra lighthouse visitors for the car show and Open Lighthouse Day (not to mention all the September cruise ship visitors!), Tony Wagner and Jaymie Chamberlin spent 18 hours restoring the sign at Bug Light. The elements had turned the sign into an embarrassment but it's now something we can be proud of! Thank you Jaymie and Tony!!!!

BEFORE:



AFTER:



Bob's Quiz – You're probably expecting this to be a September quiz since we're in the second week of September. But somehow August fell through the cracks and since Bob went to the trouble of writing this quiz for you, we're printing it anyway – better late than never. But since you probably don't have your August magazine anymore, I'll give you the answers too.

1. There are many activities in Rotary International. One of them is BREW. What is it?
 - a. A beer group that started in Milwaukee shortly after 1905.
 - b. An activity in Australia that specializes in rare hops.
 - c. **Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide.**
 - d. None of the above.

The group is not just about beer - they work closely with the Water Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group.

2. Brian King is RI's Director of Membership Development. Which place has no connection with him?
- a. Des Moines, Iowa
 - b. Ames, Iowa
 - c. Nairobi, Kenya
 - d. Stubenville, Ohio
- (You may remember that Brian King was our speaker at one of our meetings when we were meeting solely on Zoom.)
3. Where in the world is Balama?
- a. Alabama
 - b. Columbia
 - c. Belize
 - d. Liberia
4. What is the theme of RI for August?
- a. Don't mind the heat
 - b. The truth never hurts
 - c. Roasted ears of corn month
 - d. Membership and new club development

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