

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**April 22, 2026**



## **Upcoming Dates:**

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

**April 29** – Mike McGovern

**May 6, 8:30-11** – World Cultures Day at South Portland Middle School – our club is sponsoring this event and we have an opportunity to volunteer by serving food at the World Café portion of the event.

**May 6** – Mattie Simas, Photography as a Bridge Between Worlds

**May 9, 12:30 – 3:30 (drop in any time)**, Joseph's by the Sea, 55 W. Grand Ave, Old Orchard Beach – Celebration of Life for Priscilla Yerxa.

**May 13** – Internal discussion of SpringFest

**May 15-16, 2026** – SPRINGFEST!

**May 20** – Deb Bergeron, 100+ Women

**August 19** – Rotary at the Sea Dogs.

## **May 6 Duties**

Opening Words – McDonald

Raffle Gift – Tranfaglia

### May 13 Duties

Opening Words – McGreehan  
Raffle Gift – Wacksman

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

*Happy Anniversary, Tiffanie & Jim Bentley (May 5)*

**Thank You Bill Lohrman – and ChatGPT!** – After I sent last week's bulletin, Bill Lohrman offered to use ChatGPT to edit the photo I took to “open” the eyes of our new members. Here are our two newest members – Rin Cox and Maggie Williams - along with Jill, who invited Rin to join us, and Membership Chair Scott Irving.



**Thank You from our Hosts** – We received this handwritten note from SMCC:

*“Dear South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club - Thank you for generously supporting food security efforts at Southern Maine Community College. The Empty Bowls event was a huge success thanks to you!*

*The funds raised by Empty Bowls will provide free nutritious food to our most vulnerable students this summer.*

*We are so excited to offer this service. We could not do it without you.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Captain's Cupboard Team”*

**More Opportunities to Give Away Money** – The club has a budget to award Community Service grants to individuals and organizations who apply. We currently have six applications to be evaluated from these applicants:

- Rainbow Arts Collective (to fund a “Handmade Pride” celebration in June)
- Love in Living Action (provides in-home assistance to vulnerable residents of SP & CE)
- Project Home (formerly Quality Housing Coalition; works to address housing insecurity)
- Sweetser (funds to support establishment of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility)
- Side x Side (summer camp & after-school scholarships)
- SOPO Unite (community outreach events to teach parents how to communicate about substance use)

An ad hoc committee (i.e. anyone can participate and there is no commitment involved) will meet after our April 29 meeting to evaluate the applications. Please let me know if you would like me to email you the applications ahead of the meeting.

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

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