

# TWO LIGHTS

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

**August 20, 2025**

***MEMBERSHIP MONTH!***



## **Upcoming Dates:**

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

**August 27** – Official Visit from District Governor Emma Bodwell. The SMCC Dining Hall will be open – and we'll have CAKE to celebrate Emma's visit!!

**August 28** – Food Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard

**September 3, 4-7 p.m.** – Car show at Bug Light; lighthouse will be open for tours

**September 3** – NO MEETING (Work at Bug Light instead!)

**September 10** – Classification Talk by President Peter

**September 13, 8:30 – 3:30** – Open Lighthouse Day!

**September 16, 5:30** – Board meeting

**September 17** – Mike Hulsey, South Portland Housing Authority

## **August 27 Duties**

Opening Words – Anderson

Raffle Gift – Hobbs

Meeting Room Setup – please [sign up](#)\*

Owl – please [sign up](#)

### **September 10 Duties**

Opening Words – D Bagdasarian, Sr.  
Raffle Gift – N. Irving  
Meeting Room Setup – please [sign up](#)\*  
Owl – please [sign up](#)




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

**Opening Words** – Bev shared an invocation she found online originally written by a member of the Redondo Beach Rotary Club:



I give thanks for the opportunity to be a Rotarian  
Rotarians dig wells from which we will never drink  
We vaccinate children we will never meet  
We restore eyesight for those we will never see  
We build housing we will never live in  
We educate children we will never know  
We plant trees we will never sit under  
We feed hungry people regardless of race or politics  
We know real happiness, which as Albert Schweitzer once said,  
Can only be found by helping others.  
For this opportunity, we give thanks...

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

*Happy Birthday to:*

-  *Tony Wagner - August 24*
-  *DeeDee Wacksman - September 2*
-  *Scott Irving - September 9*

*Happy Anniversary to:*

-  *John & Sue LoBosco - August 31*
-  *Rick & Diane Dobson - September 6*

**Are You Ready for Some Foundation Football?** – As Chuck mentioned, another season of Foundation Football is about to begin. Let there be no mistake – Foundation Football and the NFL are two entirely different things, and participation in one does not constitute endorsement of the other. Foundation Football is all about raising money to eradicate polio and to have a little bit of fun at club meetings. You can participate by studying the statistics and the odds and making educated guesses about which teams will win, checking a box in PoolHost for random picks, selecting all home teams, or making no selections at all. In any case your \$50 (or more) entry fee

will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation and is needed more than ever in the fight against polio. To enter, make a donation online and let Nicole know that you have done so – or give her a check to mail in on your behalf if you prefer.

**Three Reasons to Celebrate Next Week:**

1. School will be back in session at SMCC which means the Dining Hall will be open again – come enjoy fellowship with your fellow Rotarians before the meeting.
2. There will be CAKE in the meeting room after so save room for dessert!
3. The reason for the cake is that we will be welcoming our District Governor Emma Bodwell for her official visit to our club. She will be joined by our Assistant Governor Patty Byers of the Portland club. Emma has been a member of the Bridgton Lake Region Rotary Club since 1998. Although she initially joined to meet people in her community, she has stayed because she loves everything about Rotary!! She has served as President of her club twice and was the District's International Service Committee chair for several years. Emma has boundless enthusiasm for Rotary and Service Above Self – come hear what she has to say!

**“If it’s too good to be true, it probably is”** – That’s one of the rules of thumb that Chris reminded us of in his introduction of Andy Chandler. Many of us remembered Andy speaking to us at a previous meeting and the topic is so timely that Chris invited him to speak to us again. Andy is a retired cybersecurity professional (having previously worked for Sari!) and now is a volunteer speaker for AARP’s speakers bureau. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties in the classroom (the projector didn’t work), Andy wasn’t able to display his PowerPoint presentation and offered to present it to us on Zoom at a future date (stay tuned). His key message was that the easiest way for hackers to exploit us is to get us to fall for an emotional hoax. They will appeal to our emotions – our fear that a loved one is in trouble, wanting to do a good job by obeying requests from a boss, wanting to comply with a request from a pastor to help people, etc. Several people in the club also shared stories of hoaxes that they or someone they knew had experienced. Bottom line – VERIFY before trusting.

*FYI – Andy will be speaking at the South Portland Public Library on November 17 about passwords and multi-factor authentication.*

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

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