

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 6, 2025

MEMBERSHIP MONTH!



Upcoming Dates:

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

August 9, 9:00 – 4:00 – Art in the Park; we will be selling popcorn & whoopie pies. See signup email (or sign up directly from the club website)

August 11, 6:00 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams Picnic Shelter; Novel Jazz Septet

August 13 – NO MEETING

August 20 – Andy Chandler, AARP – Detecting and Avoiding Fraud

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 20 Duties

Opening Words – Altenburg

Raffle Gift – Healey

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

Owl – please [sign up](#)

August 27 Duties

Opening Words – Anderson

Raffle Gift – Hobbs

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

Owl – please [sign up](#)

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

Thanks to Scott, who provided the links to the online signup for meeting room setup and the Owl duty, you can sign up right from this newsletter.

Opening Words – Nicole read some words from Charlotte’s Web author and Brooklin Maine resident E.B. White (who is also famous for saying “I would rather feel bad in Maine than feel good anywhere else).”

“Summertime, oh summertime, pattern of life indelible, the fade-proof lake, the woods unshatterable, the pasture with the sweetfern and the juniper forever and ever, summer without end; this was the background, and life along the shore was the design, the cottages with their infinite and tranquil design, their tiny docks with the flagpole and the American flag floating against the white clouds in the blue sky...and at the souvenir counters at the store the miniature birch-bark canoes and the post cards showing things looking a little better than they looked.”

What’s New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday, Tony Wagner! (August 24)

Happy Anniversary to

- 🐰 Paul & Jan Butler - August 11*
- 🐰 Dick & Priscilla Yerxa - also August 11*
- 🐰 Frank & Debbie Butterworth - August 12*
- 🐰 Jeff & Linda Gabrielson - August 16*
- 🐰 Dave (Jr.) & Megan Bagdasarian - August 19*

Congratulations to Anne on winning a Nonesuch Books gift certificate courtesy of Nancy H

August Rotaversaries:

- 🌀 Dave Bagdasarian, Jr. - 5 years*
- 🌀 Sari Greene - 6 years*
- 🌀 Michele Danois - 13 years*
- 🌀 Chuck Redman - 16 years*
- 🌀 John LoBosco - 20 years*
- 🌀 And honorary member Bill York joined our club 52 years ago!!*

And speaking of Bill, he sent word from across the pond (specifically Wales) to let us know how pleased frustrated he is that the Red Sox have a better record than the Yankees. We miss you, Bill!

Art, Popcorn and Whoopie Pies – Thank you, Chuck, for organizing our refreshment sales at Art in the Park. We ran out of whoopie pies early, and were almost out of popcorn and drinks by closing time. Thank you to everyone who set up, sold product and cleaned up:

Kathy	Nicole
Peter	Bev
Scott	Phil
Patty	Michele
Anne	Sari
Bob D.	Bill L (in the flesh, not zoom!)
Nancy H	Sue
Dee Dee	Tiffanie
Catherine D	Catherine's dad
John	



WHY Are You a Rotarian? – Our speaker via Zome this week was Gwen Jones, who encouraged us to consider WHY we do what we do. Gwen has a weekly podcast called Action 2 Impact, in which she interviews Rotarians from around the globe who make a difference (including the RI president) to “inspire, connect and amplify the heart of Rotary.” She said that “people might join Rotary for what we do; they stay Rotarians because of why we do it.” She encouraged us to think about Rotary’s vision statement in a different way, to put emphasis on the “why:” “To create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves – so that we build a more united, peaceful and thriving world.” Gwen closed by giving us a homework assignment – to “think back to a moment in Rotary that made you smile – a time when you felt *proud, inspired* or *emotionally moved*.” And maybe I buried the lede, but Gwen is a Hearts of Pine fan!

Are You Missing a Scarf??? – If this is yours, please email Scott! (It was in our locker – no idea how long it's been there.)



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