

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 10, 2025**

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH!



Upcoming Dates:

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

December 16, 5:30 p.m. – Board meeting via Zoom

December 17 – NO MEETING (Party the next day instead)

December 18 – Holiday Party at Purpoodock!

Please RSVP to the invitation Bev sent out. (And thank you to Scott for resolving the invitation glitches with ClubRunner.) Cost is \$30 pp and there will be heavy hors d'oeuvres. Matt McAleney and his friend Kimberly will be providing musical entertainment so that alone will be worth the cost of admission!

December 24 – NO MEETING – Happy Holidays!

December 31 - NO MEETING – Happy New Year!

January 7- Club Business: Looking Backward and Forward at the Midpoint of the Rotary Year

February 28, 6 p.m. – FIREWORKS! at Fort Williams Park (rain/snow date = March 7)

May 15-16, 2026 – SPRINGFEST!

January 7 Duties

Opening Words – Dugan
Raffle Gift – Murphy

January 14 Duties

Opening Words – Filieo
Raffle Gift – Nadeau









Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **26-8-30**

(This is the new combination)



Opening Words – Former travel agent Phil Dube fittingly read a poem about life being like a journey taken on a train.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

-  *Tom Meyers - December 17*
-  *Dave Bagdasarian (Sr.) - December 19*
-  *Ray Healey - December 23*
-  *Former club president & JD's dad Rick Dobson - also Dec. 23*
-  *Chris Speh - December 26*
-  *Jim Britt - December 28*
-  *Anne Swift-Kayatta - New Year's Eve*
-  *Paul Smith - January 6*

Happy Anniversary to

-  *Laurenz & Barbara Schmidt - 55 years on December 18!*
-  *Dan & Shirley Mooers - 40 years on New Year's Eve*

Congratulations to Sue Sturtevant for winning a gift certificate to SoPo Seafood donated by Tom Meyers

And speaking of Tom, THANK YOU for building the step that makes it easier to get into the trailer!

Honorary member Dan Davidson and Edie send their regards to the club - back at ya, Dan & Edie!

Tree Update – Mike Tranfaglia reported that the sale is going well, and gave credit to Kathy for being the glue that holds the tree sale together! He also mentioned:

- 🌲 Trash goes in the plastic trash bags
- 🌲 A huge thank you to Scott for fixing issues with the Square
- 🌲 More wreaths would be coming the next day (i.e. 12/11)
- 🌲 Thank you to Chris & Ellie for working multiple tree shifts while visiting us from North Carolina!

And we were told last weekend that this is Matt’s conservative “go to meetin’” tree sale outfit – I’m sorry I missed the real thing!



Third Times a Charm? Here is Johnny Front Porch holding his trophy for the third time this year. That’s all I’ll say about it because as the Commissioner mentioned this week, I screwed up by spoiling the “surprise” (it’s right on the website!) by announcing it in last week’s bulletin.



Rotary Jeopardy – Thank you, thank you to Ellie Speh for putting together the Jeopardy game that was our entertainment this week. Tom sent me this photo so I’m assuming these are the winners:



Ellie also said that due to some confusion, information about these two people never made it into the game so see if you recognize them:

*Was born in Vermont and came to Maine at age 3.
I used to work as a service station attendant, pumping gas, changing oil, changing tires, etc.
Elected to office 4 times
Winner of Ralph Gould Award for service to the town of Cape Elizabeth
Hobbies: travel, reading, movies
3 grandchildren; One of my children is building a house next door to me.
Very into children's education. On the boards of 3 related organizations, including the Mitchell Institute and the Alford Scholarship Foundation.
Was a trustee of Thomas Memorial Library.
Was president of the Middle School Parents Assn.
Assembled 800 gnome ornaments to give out at last year's tree sale.*

*1969 Brown Medalist - Portland High School (top 5 students)
Member 1968 Portland High School New England
Championship Swim Team
Once had 10 TVs in an 8 room house.
Worked for 9 financial entities in Portland during my career- Portland Savings, Canal Bank, Maine Savings, Prudential Securities, Key Bank, Commonwealth Investments , Key Investments, McDonald Investments, and UBS!*

Bob's November Rotary Quiz –

1. Why is the name M. Muruganandam in this issue?
 - a. It is a joke
 - b. He is a well-known ventriloquist
 - c. He is a taster of Swiss chocolate
 - d. He is an RI director

2. What is the monthly RI theme for December?
 - a. Be jolly and happy
 - b. Disease and prevention
 - c. Happy dollars
 - d. Goodwill and better friendships

3. There is an interesting article on Swiss cheese. How many gallons of milk are needed to make one pound of cheese? (Warning: the answer is not in the article)
 - a. 4.2
 - b. 1.3
 - c. 2.1
 - d. 3.2

4. Victor Fleming, the crossword meister, asked in 56 across for the answer to trig function with a 5-letter word. What is it?

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