

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 3, 2025**

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH!



Upcoming Dates:

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

December 6, 7:45 a.m. – Second Tree Delivery, assisted by SPSHS track team & CE Robotics team

December 8, 7 p.m. – Downeasters Chorus Saco Food Pantry Holiday Benefit Show, First Parish UCC, 12 Beach Street, Saco – Mikey New Guy, aka Michael Dickel, will be participating

December 10 – Rotary Jeopardy!!

December 7, 12-3 – District Holiday Open House, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport

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!

December 10 Duties

Opening Words – Dube

Raffle Gift – Meyers

January 7 Duties

Opening Words – Dugan

Raffle Gift – Murphy


Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **26-8-30**
(This is the new combination)

Opening Words – Catherine Dorrington could not attend but sent some words that Peter read, inviting us to pause at this midpoint in our Rotary year and look back on all that we have accomplished through Service Above Self, and look forward to all the great things we'll be doing in the future.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)


Happy Birthday to


 *Adrienne Murphy - December 8*


 *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

December Rotaversaries

🌐 Bob Hanson - 23 years (primarily in other clubs)

🌐 Frank Butterworth - 28 years

Congratulations to Nancy Irving who won a gift certificate to Lois' Natural Marketplace courtesy of MaryAnn McGreehan

Thank you to Phil's son and son-in-law for unloading trees at the top of the truck!

Thank you to late member Alec Livingston's son Brian and his wife for their very generous donation of \$2,500 to our club's charitable fund!

New phone number for Sybil - she still has the same cell phone number (207-504-3307) but has a new landline at Scarborough Terrace: 207-885-6465.

Letter from Gretchen McCloy – Sadly Gretchen McCloy, who was the community partnerships coordinator at South Portland Schools, is no longer with SP Schools and she sent us this farewell note:

Greetings to all at the SPCE Rotary! Thank you so very much for all of the support and encouragement to the South Portland Schools and to me in my roles as a School Counselor at Memorial Middle School AND in my role doing community partnerships. It was always so nice to know I had your support & encouragement. Knowing you were only an email or phone call away whenever I had a project I needed support with was so very helpful. Thank you for opening the lighthouse to our students, for funding career exploration programming and families in need. Thanks for helping to keep this great community connected, especially during difficult times. Thanks most especially for responding to my SOS calls for volunteers. I'm grateful for all of you.

Fondly,

Gretchen McCloy

Foundation Moment – Foundation chair Nicole highlighted the success of The Rotary Foundation in the 2024-25 year, including surpassing the Endowment Fund goal of \$2.025 billion – the actual total at the end of the year was \$2.05 billion. She also thanked the Sustaining Members of our club and presented a PHF+3 pin to Jeff Gabrielson. Thanks for your generosity, Jeff!



Polio Funds Pledging – Mike McGovern reported last week that he was on his way to Abu Dhabi for a pledging ceremony on Monday, at which global leaders pledged \$1.9 billion toward the eradication of polio. Rotary’s share in that commitment is \$450,000,000 over the next three years (which includes the 2:1 Gates match; the Gates Foundation pledged almost a billion dollars in addition to the Rotary match).



Foundation Football Results:

Week 12: Bags can still pick ‘em! It wasn’t the Super Bowl; so the lowly Giants couldn’t pull an upset. Bags was closest on points with 45– thus he gets his second weekly win! Great job all, and Chris maybe should find a new crystal ball!! 🎱 🎱

Week 13: Tom Meyers and Bob Danielson were tied as winners – they both had 12 out of 13 correct picks!

Week 14: Johnny Front Porch scored his third weekly win, making him the man to beat. The commissioner will be asking him for his blazer size before we know it unless someone else becomes just as lucky.

Why We Have to Spell Out Ray’s Name – The Commissioner provided this explanation: In the early days of Foundation Football, “Ray finished second one week but was not mentioned when the results were announced. He took great umbrage to what was a minor, clerical error and engaged David Lourie to threaten the Commission with litigation. As part of a settlement, we agreed to spell his name out any time he would be included in any weekly results report. This has continued as a tradition, and also to assuage Ray’s fragile ego.”

Another “Big Check” Presentation – After donating the cost of a new refrigerator to the South Portland Food Cupboard, Tony collected additional donations from Rotarians and other clubs to cover the cost of an extension to the cooler (\$5,850) which will make it easier to load food into the cooler (what Dwayne Hopkins referred to as the barn door effect). SPFC expects to complete the move to its new location (behind Staples) on December 19 and they will be closed to customers the following week as they get everything sorted.



Tree Miscellaneous – the first picture was sent to us from our friend Bill York from the Cardiff Bay (Wales) Rotary club.



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