

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
January 7, 2026**

***VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH!***



## **Upcoming Dates:**

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

**January 14** – Tim Honey, Stop the Tanks

**January 17** – If you don't want to watch football, there are a couple concert opportunities by musicians who often perform to raise money for good causes.

- First at 6:00 the Don Campbell Band, Jonathan Edwards, Julia Gagnon and many other musicians will be playing at Aura with all proceeds going to the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association (to benefit those affected by the Custom House Wharf fire).
- Then at 7:30 "Friends of the Club" Pejepscoot Station will be playing in Brunswick at the Unitarian Universalist Church – Scott & Nancy Irving will be there to work the soundboard and sell merchandise.

**January 21** – NO MEETING

**January 28** – Amy Whitmore, The Iris Network

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

**May 15-16, 2026** – SPRINGFEST!

### **January 14 Duties**

Opening Words – Filieo  
Raffle Gift – Nadeau

### **January 28 Duties**

Opening Words – Gabrielson  
Raffle Gift – Redman

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

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

*Happy Birthday to*

- 🍰 Chuck Redman (January 9)*
- 🍰 Dave Bagdasarian (January 14)*
- 🍰 Jack Roberts (January 16)*

*January Rotaversaries:*

- 🌸 Maryann McGreehan - 4 years*
- 🌸 Nicole Albert - 9 years*
- 🌸 Doug Schauf - 13 years*
- 🌸 Matt McAleney - 26 years*
- 🌸 Dan Davidson - 44 years*
- 🌸 Peter DeGennaro - 46 years*
- 🌸 Dick Yerxa - 64 years!!!!*

**Cape Elizabeth Robotics Boosters** – This fall our club awarded \$1,000 as a Community Service grant to the Cape Elizabeth Robotics Boosters. You may remember that we have supported the CE Robotics teams in the past, helping them travel to the VEX World Championship, which they have qualified for several times. But this year the Boosters asked for funds to help with their operating expenses as they continue to expand the program, especially at the middle school level. The middle school program expanded from 54 students last year to 80 this year. The increased number of participants means that there is an increased need for equipment, tools and parts. Their application stated that although the awards are exciting, “our primary goal is for every child who has interest in robotics in Cape Elizabeth to be able to participate and learn.” After the decision had been made to make this award, members of our club attested to the value of the program, which provides an opportunity for students to be engaged who may not be interested in sports.

**Putting the Football Pool to Bed** – We’ve had several weeks with no meeting, so no formal announcements of the weekly winners. They were:

- Week 15 – Dick Yerxa (nickname = Founding Father)
- Week 16 – Phil Dube (nickname = Scooby Doo or something like that)
- Week 17 – Peter Bennett (I don’t remember his nickname)
- Week 18 – Bill Anderson (nickname = If it’s Brown it’s Down, in homage to his Cleveland Browns)

The winner of the Yorkie trophy, i.e. the person with the most weekly wins, is John LoBosco (Johnny Front Porch). And the winner with the most total correct picks is the Prince of Wales (Bill York)!

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL, AND ESPECIALLY TO COMMISSIONER CHUCK!***

**Congratulations, Mike McGovern!** – Those of you reading this who receive the district newsletter may already have read that Mike has been selected to the chair of the Polio Oversight Board. This is a high honor that is very well-deserved. However many of the readers of this bulletin are honorary members or friends of the club who would not be on the district newsletter mailing list. So for everyone’s benefit, [here is a link](#) to the latest End Polio Now newsletter whose lead story is Mike’s appointment. Congratulations, Mike – your club is proud of you!!

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

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