

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
July 23, 2025**



Upcoming Dates:

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

July 26 – BUG LIGHT 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! See online signup to help out!!

NOTE: Free parking for Rotarians in the lot at the corner of Broadway & Pickett St. (Thank you, Tiffanie!!!)

July 28, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Pine State Pitches (bandstand)

July 30 – Service Project: Assemble “move-in” kits for Greater Portland Family Promise
Our club will purchase the kit components but they could use diapers (see last week's bulletin for specifications)

August 4, 6 p.m. – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams. High Spirits performing. Bev has reserved the picnic shelter so bring a picnic supper before the concert!

August 6 – Gwen Jones, “So Why are you a Rotarian?”

August 9, 9:00 – 4:00 – Art in the Park; we will be selling popcorn & whoopie pies

August 13 – NO MEETING

August 20 – Jayne Van Bramer, Sweetser President & CEO

August 27 – Official Visit from District Governor Emma Bodwell

July 30 Duties

Opening Words – Wilson
Raffle Gift – Kathy Cotter's storehouse of certificates
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

August 6 Duties

Opening Words – Albert
Raffle Gift – Hawes
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

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

Opening Words – Tony spoke about the 4-Way Test, and the accompanying Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions which was adopted by the RI Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide specific guidelines on ethical standards. See copy of the Declaration being sent as a separate document with this newsletter.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday, Catherine Callahan! (July 30)

Happy Anniversary to

🐱 Dave & Fran Bagdasarjian (July 31)

🐱 JD & Christine Dobson (August 3)

Congratulations to Tom Meyers who won a life-time supply (or at least it seems like it!) of maple syrup donated by Jeff Gabrielson from the farm of his neighbor in Vermont.

Get Well Wishes to Nancy Irving as she recovers from foot surgery!

Welcome to being settled in Maine, Jill & Michael Nadeau!

THANK YOU to Anne Swift-Kayatta for her usual masterful job in organizing the lobsterbake, and to her chefs:

- 🍷 *Dave Bagdasarian, Sr.*
- 🍷 *Tom Meyers*
- 🍷 *Mike Tranfaglia*
- 🍷 *Doug Schauf*
- 🍷 *Chuck Redman*
- 🍷 *Chris Speh*

And of course thank you to everyone else who shucked corn, loaned their truck or grill, shopped for groceries, set the tables, cleaned up, etc.

And last but not least, thank you to the weather gods for a perfectly gorgeous evening at Fort Williams!!



LOBSTERBAKE!! – We had a wonderful meal in a spectacular setting on Wednesday, but the best part was visiting with friends, old and new. Club members had guests from as far away as California (congratulations to Bob & Alicia Danielson’s son Kyle who was married in California and is having a reception in Maine this weekend!). More locally, we were honored with some Rotarians from other clubs:

- 🌀 Marty Helman from Boothbay Harbor Rotary (and oh by the way, also a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and a member of the RI Board of Directors next year)
- 🌀 Patty Byers from the Portland club and our new Assistant Governor
- 🌀 Julia Forbes from the Westbrook Club (formerly of the Bridgton-Lake Region club), who was representing our District Governor Emma Bodwell who had planned to come but was “stuck” in Italy (poor thing!)
- 🌀 I didn’t catch their names but a couple from the West Bay (i.e. Camden) Rotary club joined us to learn lobsterbake best practices – they invited us to come on up to the lobsterbake they’re planning at Windjammer Days (at noon on Saturday, August 30).

Even more locally, we were pleased to have officials from the town of Cape Elizabeth join us:

- ❖ Pat Fox, Town Manager
- ❖ Kathy Raftice – Community Services & Fort Williams Park Director
- ❖ Paul Fenton, Police Chief
- ❖ Steve Young (Fire Chief), with his wife Leslie

And although I didn't write down the names of all the other guests, a few notable ones were:

- ❖ Sybil Riemensnider
- ❖ Penny Carson
- ❖ Rose Kennealy
- ❖ Stephanie Speh

(To the rest of the guests – we saw you and were so pleased you were there!!)

Celebrating Jack Roberts – Foundation Chair Nicole presented Jack Roberts with a Paul Harris Fellow+4 pin in recognition of his generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation. This alone would have been a good reason to make a fuss over Jack, but this also happens to be (1) a month shy of Jack's 50th anniversary as a Rotarian (wow!) and (2) the eve (ish) of the 150th anniversary of Bug Light, for which Jack is universally acknowledged as being responsible for reviving the lighthouse from its former decrepit condition to the shining beacon that it is today. Nicole shared several tidbits about the cost of meals and profits from tree sales in the years when Jack joined the club (1975) and when he was president (1989-90). Jack was instrumental in securing the funding for the restoration of the Portland Breakwater Lighthouse, aka Bug Light, and in the club's donation of \$13,000 towards that effort.



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