

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
July 30, 2025**



## **Upcoming Dates:**

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

**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. See signup email (or sign up directly from the club website)

**August 13** – NO MEETING

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

**August 27** – Official Visit from District Governor Emma Bodwell

**September 3** – NO MEETING

## **August 6 Duties**

Opening Words – Albert

Raffle Gift – Hawes

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**

Owl – *please sign up*

### August 20 Duties

Opening Words – Altenburg

Raffle Gift – Healey

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up\**

Owl – *please sign up*

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

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

*Happy Anniversary to*

- 🐼 JD & Christine Dobson - August 3*
- 🐼 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 Jill & Mike Nadeau (who visited with us this week) on winning a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware!*

**Diapers and Band-Aids!** – At our meeting this week we packed 31 medicine kits to be provided through Greater Portland Family Promise (GFPF) to families with children who are transitioning from homelessness into their own homes. President Peter provided some background about GFPF (of whom our own Brent Wilson is the board chair) before we packed various medicinal supplies (infant pain reliever, children's pain reliever, adult pain reliever, band-aids, antiseptic cream, cotton swabs, etc.) into plastic bins. The club donated over \$1,000 in supplies for the medicine kits as well as a few laundry kits and cleaning kits. In addition, members of the club personally donated about \$1,000 worth of diapers for these families (most of us were shocked at the cost of baby diapers!). GFPF does not maintain an office of its own so Peter delivered them Thursday morning to First Lutheran Church in Portland, which is providing storage space. GFPF relies extensively on the volunteer and financial support of many churches and synagogues in the greater Portland areas. The quote from a 6-year-old on their home page summarizes what they're all about:

**“Thank you Family Promise for your kindness and love. I have been waiting for this house for so long and you just gave me my miracle. This day has been the best day ever!”**



Diapers in the front seat



Diapers in the back seat



Diapers in the back of Peter's truck



Diapers at First Lutheran Church where they will be distributed.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BUG LIGHT!!!

Last Saturday Bug Light Park welcomed lots of people who came to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bug Light. A huge thank you to Sue Sturtevant and the anniversary committee (7 members of our club and 3 city employees) who planned activities (the Coast Guard boat was a hit!), food trucks and a really well-done official ceremony. Thanks also to everyone who worked on the day of the event, especially those parking cars in the hot sun. (See photos on another document being sent along with this because they would have made the newsletter exceed the ClubRunner maximum file size.)

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

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