

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

July 9, 2025



Upcoming Dates:

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

July 13 – Parking at Paint for Preservation (Cape Elizabeth Land Trust)

July 14 - Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Ocean House Road Band (picnic shelter)

July 15, 5:30 – Board meeting (Zoom)

July 16 – Elizabeth Dugan (Marge's sister!), [Maine 2025 Healthy Aging Data](#)

July 21 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Pejepscot Station (the band that entertained us in February)

July 23 – Lobsterbake! Please RSVP to Anne if you haven't done so already!

Note that there will be free parking at the top of the hill.

4:00 – Setup

5:00 – Socialize

5:30 – Dig in!

July 26 – Bug Light 150th Anniversary Celebration!

July 28 – Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams: Pine State Pitches (bandstand)

July 30 – Service Project: Assemble “move-in” kits for Greater Portland Family Promise

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

August 27 – Official Visit from District Governor Emma Bodwell

July 16 Duties

Opening Words – Wacksman
Raffle Gift – Dube
Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up**
Owl – *please sign up*

July 23 Duties

Opening Words – Wagner
Raffle Gift – Gabrielson

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

Opening Words – Mike Tranfaglia noted that “we’re wired to want to be helpful” and shared a poem by Alberto Rios:

*We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us.
We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.
We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—
Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.
Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:
Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine.
You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.
Together we are simple green. You gave me
What you did not have, and I gave you
What I had to give—together, we made
Something greater from the difference.*

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy (Rotary) New Year to SP-CE Rotary and to our new president and Board - this is the 63rd year in which our club has had a new president without duplication!

Happy Birthday to Marge Dugan (July 13)

Happy Anniversary to Phil & Claudette Dube (July 22)

Congratulations to Dan McDonald who won a Nonesuch Books gift certificate courtesy of Aaron!

July Rotaversaries

- 🌀 Bill Lohrman - 7 years
- 🌀 Bev Altenburg - 10 years
- 🌀 Tom Hamerski - 20 years

Thank you to DeeDee & Rick Wacksman for collecting food - and cash (\$300)! - at this week's Sounds by the Sea at Fort Williams!



Guests: We were joined by Julie Forbes who is a former member of the Bridgton-Lake Region Club but recently moved to Westbrook and joined the Westbrook-Gorham Club.

Greater Portland Family Promise – You'll note in the calendar above that at our July 30 meeting we will be assembling “move-in kits” for families that Greater Portland Family Promise (GFPF) helps to find new homes for. Our club is purchasing the necessary components of those kits but they also could desperately use some diapers – especially sizes 4, 5 and 6 (see number in lower left in photo below).



Thank You, Thank You! – President Peter circulated some thank you cards that the club received, one of which was from Dick Yerxa:

“SPCE Rotary,

I want to thank the club and the members for the recognition I received at last Wednesday's Changeover Night. Needless to say, I'm proud of our club, its success and accomplishment and my small part over the years. Which a sincere wish for the best future, Dick Yerxa”

There were also thank you notes from RYLA attendees and scholarship recipients. And Aaron related that two of his players attended RYLA and one told him that it was the “best experience of his life!”

Other Calendar Items – Bev reviewed some upcoming opportunities for fellowship:

- August 4 – High Spirits Sounds by the Sea: Potentially have a picnic (bring your own) before the concert. Bev will reserve the picnic shelter for us.
- December 18 – Holiday party at Purpoodock Club
- Date TBD – Party with Pejepsot Station as entertainment (similar to the get-together we had this past February), but at a different location.
- TBD – Bowling night? Perhaps with Portland Club?
- Other ideas – concert? book club? X-C skiing? Give additional fellowship ideas to Bev!

Lots of Bug Light News!

- ❖ ***Painting*** – the fresh look for the lighthouse was nearly completed as of Wednesday. Many thanks to Sam, John LoBosco, Sari & Eric, Phil, Tom Meyers (and anyone else I may have inadvertently excluded), and especially to Tony for all of the arrangements with the painting contractor.
- ❖ ***Lucky Catch Tour*** – Bev’s grandson Jack (who was one of her helpers at Changeover Night) is a summer employee of the Lucky Catch tour boat and they had a tour of Bug Light recently so they would be more knowledgeable in what they convey to their tourist passengers. Jack took this photo of Sam leading the tour.



- ❖ ***150th Anniversary!!!*** – Sue gave us details about some of the many activities planned for July 26th when Bug Light will celebrate its 150th birthday. Some of the highlights include the band that played at Redbank during SpringFest, a regatta by SailMaine at 11:00 and a water cannon surprise at some point during the day! Check out buglight150.org for more details.

Plans for the New Year – President Peter and board members discussed some of the plans for the 2025-26 Rotary year.

- ❖ Peter reviewed the budget and explained the reasoning behind some of the changes from the prior year. The budget shows a small deficit but that is not actually a concern because the club has a buildup of funds which we should probably spend down, and there was a small surplus in the year just ended so they will somewhat offset.

- ❖ International Service Director Patty Sprague described a global grant application for a project that would allow students from the US to attend a camp in Canada sponsored by the organization Honouring Indigenous People. The camp has 50 students – half indigenous and half not.
- ❖ When Youth Services Director Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y was given the floor, he took advantage of the opportunity to credit our successes in this area to several people responsible: his committee (Tony & John), Interact advisors, high school principals, superintendents, prior RYLA attendees, and club members who interviewed RYLA and scholarship applicants.

Old News – We haven't had a bulletin in a couple weeks so I haven't had a chance to report on our (unofficial) representatives at the RI Convention in Calgary – Mike McGovern and John & Sue LoBosco. Looks like they had a fun time!!



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