

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 24, 2026



Upcoming Dates:

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

June 27, 3-6 – Fort Williams, Sue Sturtevant's Birthday Party!

July 1 – NO MEETING – Start your long weekend celebration of our Nation's 250th Birthday!

July 6, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” (which our club sponsors) – Baily's Mistake at Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

July 8 – President Laurenz' Preview of the 2026-27 Rotary Year!

July 10 – deadline to RSVP for lobsterbake, so there's enough food for everyone!

July 13, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” = Joan Kennedy Band, Fort Williams bandstand

July 15 – Kathy Raftice, Fort Williams Park Manager

July 19 – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Paint for Preservation (we will be parking cars)

July 20, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” – Curse of Kona, Fort Williams picnic shelter

July 22, 5 p.m. – Lobsterbake at Fort Williams – see Anne's email.

July 27, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” – The Stem Brothers, Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

July 29, 4:30 – 5:30 – Portland Rotary Club “Flags for Heroes” at Pedro Little League Field (off Baxter Boulevard in Portland; all are invited to come carry one of the 250 flags! Look for an email from Tom Talbott with more details and how to volunteer!

August 3, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” – Bluehill, Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

August 8 – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park

August 10, 6 – 7:30 – “Sounds by the Sea” – Portland Symphony Orchestra Ensemble, Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

August 19 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs

July 8 Duties

Opening Words – Schauf

Raffle Gift – Bennett

July 15 Duties

Opening Words – Schmidt

Raffle Gift – Anderson

July 22 Duties

Opening Words – Smith

Raffle Gift – D Bagdasarian Sr.

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **26-8-30**

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

-  *Dan Davidson - June 30*
-  *Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien - born on Canada Day!*
-  *Sue Sturtevant - born on the fourth of July!*
-  *Sybil Riemensnider - July 8*
-  *Marge Dugan - July 13*
-  *Paul Harrison - July 22*

Happy Anniversary to

-  *Nancy & Scott Irving - June 30*
-  *Phil & Claudette Dube - July 22*

Get well wishes to Marc Mutty and the Butlers!

July Rotaversary:

-  *Bill Lohrman - 8 years*

DUES ARE DUE! – Our secretary Kathy Cotter reminds us that it's time to pay our annual club dues. If for any reason you don't plan to renew your membership (because life happens):

1. We will miss you!!! and
2. It would be appreciated if you would let Kathy know that by June 30, because we will be charged by Rotary International and the district for everyone who is on the roster on the first of July.

Lobsterbake Reminder – Please contact Anne to let her know whether you're coming to the lobsterbake (and if you're bringing a guest(s)) – AND what you want to eat (one lobster, 2 lobsters, steak, hamburger, veggieburger, hot dog). We could also use some more people to help with various aspects of the event so let her know if you have availability to help out. Anne said last night that the lobsterbake is “usually fun” but the crowd corrected her – it's ALWAYS fun!

Thank You Cape Elizabeth Public Works & Police – As is our club tradition, we served lunch to the Cape Elizabeth Public Works & Police Departments on June 23 to show our appreciation for all they do. Setting up, getting the food and serving were:

- Edie Davidson
- Mike Tranfaglia
- Laurenz Schmidt
- Chuck Redman
- Tony Wagner
- Dan Davidson (not pictured because he took the photos!)

CHANGEOVER

This week was all about the changing of the guard at SPCE Rotary. First of all, we need to thank Bev Altenburg for the fantastic job she did setting up the room and arranging for the food & drinks. I neglected to take a photo of the room before everyone arrived but it was very colorfully decorated with a theme of ~~Sue Sturtevant's birthday~~ – I mean our nation's birthday.

Bev has done a wonderful job in her two years as Club Administration Director and we will miss her masterful party planning. But we will also miss her catering crew – this year it was her grandchildren Jack & Genevieve Carignan.



In addition to many spouses and significant others who joined us, we also were joined by district dignitaries

- District Governor Emma Bodwell
- Assistant Governor Julie Forbes
- 2028-2029 District Governor Tom Talbott (the last DG for District 7780!)



President Peter has learned a lot over his year as president and the most important thing he learned was to introduce his wife Judy!



I won't go into the details of his speech because most of it is contained in the 2025-26 Year in Review document that I put together and will send along with this bulletin. As he was listing our activities, however, I realized that I omitted Crutches4Africa and Rotary Jeopardy.

In addition to Bev, Peter focused special attention on outgoing Membership Chair Scott Irving and Past President Nancy Irving who will be leaving the board. (She will be busier than ever this summer however with the Maranatha Hospital grant application!) He also expressed our appreciation for the outstanding work Chris Speh has done as our program chair.

Following Peter's remarks, incoming President Laurenz presented Peter with a gift – a Rotary t-shirt (I think) and donations in his name to the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Locker Project. (Back story – in order to find out what Peter's favorite charities were without letting him know what the club was up to, our secretary Kathy wrote an actual letter (remember those?) to Judy to ask him what he would appreciate as a donation in his name.)



After presenting gifts to Peter and Judy (an orchid), Laurenz began by recognizing the support of his wife Barbara and by thanking Peter for his dedication and successful leadership.



He then took us back to 1905 and the founding of Rotary by four men, *two of whom were German immigrants!*

So naturally he compared our club to the first Rotary club and the ways that our mission is still the same, not to mention the German immigrant part. He went on to outline his vision for our club, which he reiterated in his email message to the club this morning.

Here are the members of the new board – the outgoing board is listed below; joining the board will be Mike Tranfaglia (President-Elect), Tom Meyers (Community Service co-director), Bob Danielson (Membership) and John LoBosco (Youth Service co-director).



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

Officers

President – Peter Bennett
President-Elect – Laurenz Schmidt
Vice-President – Chuck Redman
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
Treasurer – Marge Dugan

Directors

Club Administration – Bev Altenburg
Youth Services – Ray Healey
Community Services – Nancy Hawes
International – Patty Sprague & Chris Speh
Membership – Scott Irving
Director-At-Large – Nancy Irving

Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – TBD
2026 SpringFest – Marge Dugan
Program Chair – Chris Speh
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert
Social Media - Matt McAleney
Publicity – Jim Britt
Web Administrator – Scott Irving
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Veterans – Jeff Gabrielson
Bug Light – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien & Jill Nadeau
Club Protection Officer – Nicole Albert

DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR

Emma Bodwell, Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

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