

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**June 3, 2026**



## Upcoming Dates:

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

**June 10** – 2025-2026 Club Retrospective. Also Club Vote on District Merger (see below)

**June 13** – Family Fun Day

**June 13, 9:30** – Rotary District “International Café” – Nancy Irving reported that she will be giving a presentation on our proposed Uganda global grant. See District Governor Emma Bodwell’s email for Zoom link.

**June 17** – Emily Swisher, Cooperative for Education; Guatemala Literacy Project

**June 18, 11:45** – Lunch for South Portland Parks & Recreation Dept. at Willows in SP

**June 19, 20 & 21 at 7:30 (2:00 on the 21<sup>st</sup>)** – Patty Sprague encourages us to go join with some Rotary friends and attend “9 to 5” at Lyric Theater (sorry, Dolly won’t be performing)

**June 20, 3-7** – Handmade Pride Market & Festival at Mill Creek Park (organized by Kiley Wilkens-O’Brien)

**June 24** – Officer Changeover

**June 23, 11:30** – Lunch for Cape Elizabeth Public Works Dept at CE Fire Station

**June 25, 5-7** – Food Processing at South Portland Food Cupboard (at its new location behind Staples)

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

**July 1** – NO MEETING – Start your long weekend celebration of our Nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

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

**July 15** – Kathy Raftice, Fort Williams Park Manager

**July 22** – Lobsterbake at Fort Williams

**August 19** – Rotary at the Sea Dogs

**P.S. to the Calendar:**

- ❖ **Opportunity to Host!** – Michael Dickel is a member of World Affairs Council and he informed us about an opportunity to host a delegation from Northern Macedonia who will be visiting our area from July 23-30. Let Michael know if you would like more information about this opportunity.
- ❖ **Cape Elizabeth and the American Revolution** – Tom Meyers let us know that the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society has a very interesting exhibit on display in the CE Town Hall about the involvement of people from Cape Elizabeth in the Revolution.
- ❖ **Next Week’s Meeting** – Our club will be voting on the resolution for our District and our neighboring District 7850 (northern NH & VT + southern Quebec) to join to form a new district. John LoBosco, who is on the district’s bylaws committee knows as much about this proposal as anyone and he will be on hand to answer any questions. We need a quorum (22 members) in order to vote so please try to attend if you can (attending on Zoom counts).

**June 10 Duties**

Opening Words – Nadeau

Raffle Gift – Williams

**June 17 Duties**




Opening Words – Redman

Raffle Gift – Yerxa






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

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

Happy Birthday to

-  Tiffanie Bentley - June 7
-  Bill Anderson - June 10
-  Bob Knupp - June 16

Happy Anniversary to





-  Brent & Cat Wilson - June 6
-  Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu - June 10
-  Jim & Gillian Britt - June 11
-  Peter & Judy Bennett - June 12
-  Catherine & Jim Dorrington - June 16

Congratulations to guest Bob Flynn who won a gift certificate to Bull Moose courtesy of Sam Wilkens-O'Brien

Congratulations to Adrian who came in first in his age group in a recent road race in Cape Elizabeth!

Congratulations to David Lourie who will be honored this summer at the annual meeting of the Maine State Bar Association for his 50+ years as an attorney in Maine!

June Rotaversaries:

-  Paul Smith - 12 years
-  DeeDee Wacksman - 15 years
-  Scott Irving - 16 years
-  Bill Anderson - 21 years

Guests: We were joined by Bob Flynn & Michael Dickel

**“And Justice for All”** – Following our recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, ending with the familiar phrase “and justice for all,” our speakers this week expanded on that premise. They were Sarah Johnson, Janet Drew and Rev. Holly Reed, all from the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition. The handout they distributed features a quote from Nelson Mandela: “No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jail.” And fortunately most of us know nothing about prisons so our speakers enlightened us. Prisons are money-making enterprises such that the inmates are paid less than a dollar an hour, and are required to purchase necessities such as toiletries at grossly inflated prices. In Maine they are also disproportionately made up of black

Mainers, native American Mainers, low-income individuals and individuals with mental illness or substance use disorder.

In addition to the obvious impact on inmates, incarceration impacts corrections officers (high rate of PTSD and suicide) and families (80% of incarcerated women are mothers).

The Coalition is currently endeavoring to establish parole as an option in Maine prisons. Maine is one of only 16 states which do not have parole – an earned path to completing sentences under supervision. It has the advantages of:

- Being much cheaper than prisoners remaining in prison.
- Allows the parolee to earn money to pay court-ordered restitution if it exists.
- Provides a “carrot” to encourage prisoners to turn their lives around, so that when their sentence is completed and they rejoin society they’re much better people.

**And because I always like to include a picture** – here’s the sign for a Rotary club that Nicole found on her recent trip to Italy!



### **Answers to Bob’s March & April Quizzes**

#### **APRIL**

1. President Arezzo reminds us of the motto for his year – what is it?
  - a. Peace through strength
  - b. Unite for Good**
  - c. Advance through Service
  - d. Act with Integrity
2. An article on tiny homes touts their features. What is one thing missing?
  - a. Room for recreation
  - b. Living in tents
  - c. Plumbing**
  - d. Locks on doors
3. Mexico suffered deadly floods. How many suffered damage to their homes?
  - a. 25,000
  - b. 45,000
  - c. 100,000**
  - d. 215,000

4. An article about malaria testing in Africa tells how many persons were reached. What is that number?
  - a. 1.25 million
  - b. 747,000
  - c. 60,498
  - d. 25,000

Bonus question: Victor Fleming's crossword asks at 24 across for the answer to "embarrassing mistake," calling for 5 letters. What is it? [GAFFE](#)

### **MARCH**

1. Each month has a theme. What is it for March?
  - a. Cleanliness is Integrity
  - b. Treat others fairly
  - c. Sanitation and Hygiene
  - d. Use Professional Skills
2. Who is J.P. Swenson?
  - a. Former mayor of Harrisburg
  - b. One of the editors of Rotary magazine
  - c. District Governor of New Zealand
  - d. RI Trustee from Cleveland, Ohio
3. Volleyball is a popular sport. What year was it introduced to Canada?
  - a. 1492
  - b. 1812
  - c. 1900
  - d. 1921
4. It is a challenge to find new members. What percentage of them leave within three years of joining?
  - a. 20%
  - b. 40%
  - c. 65%
  - d. 50%

Bonus Question: Victor Fleming's crossword puzzle asks at 21 across for the answer to "intervene." What is the 6-letter answer? [STEP IN](#)

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

### Officers

President – Peter Bennett  
President-Elect – Laurenz Schmidt  
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Tree Sale – TBD  
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