

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 11, 2026**



Upcoming Dates:

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

March 18 – Laura Young (Portland Rotary) and Karen O'Rourke (Freeport Rotary), telling us about the District Outreach trip to India.

March 21 - Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, Lions Clubhouse, 1 Wheeler Road, Cape Elizabeth

March 24, 5:30 – Club Board meeting on Zoom (change of date)

March 25 – No Meeting

April 1 – Aaron Filieo

April 8 – Steven Thomas, American Red Cross

April 11, 8-2 –Opportunity Workshop (f/k/a District Assembly) at Westbrook High School; club will pay your registration fee if you attend

April 15 – Club Business Meeting

April 22 – NO MEETING

April 29 – Michael McGovern

May 15-16, 2026 – SPRINGFEST!

March 18 Duties

Opening Words – Leasure
Raffle Gift – C. Speh

April 1 Duties

Opening Words – LoBosco
Raffle Gift – E. Speh

Meeting Setup Reminder: Locker Combination is **26-8-30**
(This is the new combination)

Opening Words – Bob Knupp shared this Irish blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

- ✿ Dan McDonald - March 16
- ✿ Nancy Hawes - St. Patrick's Day
- ✿ Michael McGovern - also St. Patrick's Day
- ✿ Peter Bennett - March 23
- ✿ Marc Mutty - also March 23

Happy Anniversary to

✿ Jill & Mike Nadeau - March 14

Congratulations to our resident leprechaun Matt McAleney who used the luck of the Irish to win a gift certificate to Lowe's courtesy of Paul Smith.



Thank you Tony Wagner for making a successful application to the Chamber of Commerce for a \$3,000 grant to partially reimburse our club's share of funding the new South Portland Food Cupboard cooler.

Guests: We were joined by: Jaymie Chamberlin, Michael Dickel, Adrian Kurre and the founder of Foundation Football, Bill York.

President-Elect Leadership Seminar (PELS) – Laurenz reported on his attendance at the multi-district training seminar that he attended in Massachusetts recently along with over 200 other Rotarians. He found it to be highly inspirational and he has requested transcripts of the keynote speeches, one of which was by incoming RI Director Marty Helman from the Boothbay Harbor club. He shared some of the takeaways, such as the importance of routinely examining the relevance of the club's activities, intensifying the club experience for new and younger members (not just assigning tasks to them), spreading "feel good" messages about what we do. He pointed out that rather than a service organization, we should think of ourselves as a membership organization that provides service.

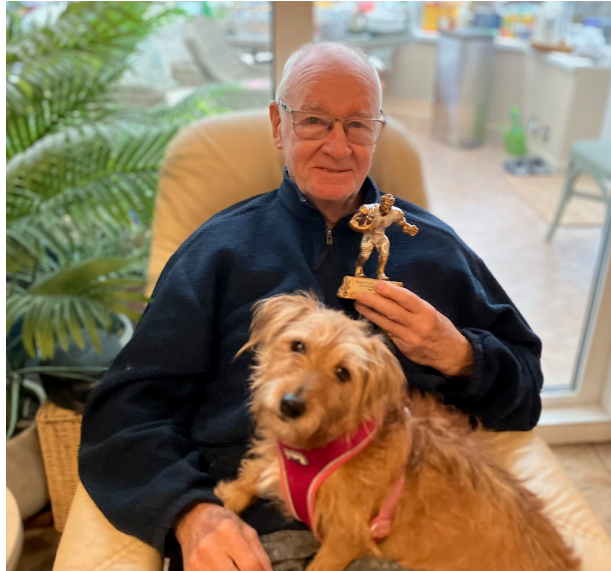
Appreciation from Veterans – Our club's Veterans Committee, chaired by Jeff Gabrielson, met last month to select organizations that support veterans – a total of \$8,400 was distributed. Our club received a thank you note from the Durham Warriors Project:

Thank you for your very generous and continued support of Durham Warriors Project. Your \$1,600 donation will go a very long way and help many veterans and active duty persons. We are very grateful for your support.

Paul Harris Fellow Presentation – Foundation Chair took advantage of founding member Dick Yerxa's presence at our meeting to present him with a "PHF+4" pin for his ongoing financial support of The Rotary Foundation.



The Main Event – The focus of our meeting was the presentation of the “Yorkie” award to the winner of the Foundation Football pool. Thirty-one people entered the pool by contributing to PolioPlus, raising over \$5,100 when the Gates Foundation match is taken into consideration. Bill York received an award (shipped to him in Wales) for the most correct picks over the course of the season.



The Lifetime Loyalty Award was presented to Bill Anderson for consistently selecting his Cleveland Browns, even when choosing the other team would have made him a winner!



Travel delays resulted in John LoBosco spending two days traveling home from the Carolinas to receive his award – he arrived at the Portland Jetport just as the meeting was starting and fortunately arrived in time to be presented with his gold jacket. John was the weekly winner three times during the season which earned him the coveted trophy. In his acceptance speech, John, who is a past president of our club and a past district governor, expressed that receiving the Yorkie was the capstone of his Rotary career.