

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
October 29, 2025**

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH!



Upcoming Dates:

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

November 5 – SpringFest discussion

November 12 – Club Assembly – mainly focused on preparation for tree sale

November 18, 5:30 – Board meeting

November 19 – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien "Classification Talk" (i.e. what he does in his professional life)

November 19 (*change of date*) - Community Grant Committee meeting following the club meeting. This is an ad hoc committee – anyone can participate on a meeting by meeting basis – no commitment involved.

November 22 – Tree Lot Setup

November 26 – NO MEETING

November 28 – First tree delivery; tree sale starts

November 5 Duties

Opening Words – Danois
Raffle Gift – McAleney

November 12 Duties

Opening Words – Dobson
Raffle Gift – McDonald

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

Opening Words – Bob Danielson couldn't attend but he submitted these opening words from Winston Churchill:

“Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look on it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse.”

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday, Matt McAleney (November 8)

Thank you to the following who hauled a large metal locker from the Food Cupboard (which they were disposing of) to the fire barn so that we can consolidate all our items that are used in food events in one secure storage space (rather than scattered around the back room of the fire barn):

- ❖ *Doug Schauf*
- ❖ *Sam Wilkens-O'Brien*
- ❖ *Jill & Mike Nadeau*
- ❖ *Jim Britt*
- ❖ *Tony Wagner*

November Rotaversaries:

- ⊗ *Jill Nadeau - 1 year*
- ⊗ *Mark Leasure - 10 years*
- ⊗ *Kathy Cotter - 20 years*
- ⊗ *Adrienne Murphy - 33 years*
- ⊗ *Jeff Hobbs - 41 years*
- ⊗ *Bob Knupp - 45 years! (mostly in Pennsylvania)*

Congratulations to Kathy Cotter on winning a mystery raffle prize!

Get well wishes to Jeff Gabrielson as he continues to recover from a serious wellness (Nicole reports that he's getting stronger every day).

Guests – We were pleased to have Mike Dickel join us again this week!

Bev and the Bills – Beverly Hills and the Bills (Anderson & York) were tied this week with 10 correct picks but Bev was the winner on points guess. This is Bev's second win, having won the pool once several years ago. The Commissioner is under the impression that Bev will be throwing a big party and inviting all of us, so since Bev attended by Zoom, he sent the pictured party plates to her via her neighbor Anne (along with the trophy that last week's winner Peter relinquished).



From the Board Room – President Peter reported on the recent board meeting: Chair of the Nominating Committee Nancy Irving reported that all but one of the board slots for next year have been filled! We should be receiving the committee's report shortly. The board approved the application for a global grant that Patty has been involved in putting together. Our club would be the international club working with a partner club in Canada. The grant would be a pilot to hold a camp for indigenous and non-indigenous teens in the US and Canada in early March. (They currently have this program in Canada so the grant would extend the program to include American students.) The board discussed SpringFest staffing and decided to invite the entire club to participate in the discussion – to be held during our November 5 meeting.

Sponsoring New Club Members – Membership Director Scott Irving presented a "Guide to Sponsoring New Club Members" that the committee has written. It's now available on the club website under "Membership Resources" in the Members Only dropdown menu. And speaking of membership, our club was represented by Scott, Tony, DeeDee and Nancy H at the recent district membership event (I think our club may have had the most members present).

The Best Nonprofit Organization You Never Heard Of – That’s how Chris described Volunteers of America, Northern New England (VOANNE) in introducing its president and CEO Rich Hooks Wayman. Rich is also the chair of the Maine Statewide Homeless Council. Like Bill Anderson, he is a Hawkeye, having graduated from the University of Iowa and the U. of Iowa Law School. Volunteers of America was founded in 1896 as a national organization when it split off from the Salvation Army. The Northern New England chapter was formed in 1992. VOANNE has more than 30 programs in Northern New England, including over 600 residential units for seniors and 3 residential communities for veterans, including the Huot House in Saco, which our club has contributed to for several years. Their brochure bills them as the “charity that always steps forward to help the most vulnerable.”



As promised, photos from last week’s meeting of the Cardiff Bay Rotary club (Bill York’s club) – and as a bonus our own secretary avec Halloween chapeau provided by DeeDee.



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

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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 – Sari Greene & Nancy Hawes
International – Patty Sprague & Chris Speh
Membership – Scott Irving
Director-At-Large – Nancy Irving

Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Kathy Cotter & Mike Tranfaglia
Program Chair – Chris Speh
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert
Social Media - Matt McAleney
Publicity – Jim Britt
Web Administrator – Scott Irving
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes
Club Protection Officer – Nicole Albert

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