

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 24, 2025
EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH!



Upcoming Dates:

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

October 1 – Eric Gerard, *The Family Restored*

October 3, 9 – 3:30 – Habitat for Humanity Work Day – see Sari's email on 9/19 for details and signup link. Adrienne reports that working with Habitat for Humanity is incredibly rewarding!

October 5, 1-3

October 7, 5:00-7:00 – reception to welcome "Flight to End Polio" pilots back in the US (I'm still learning the details)

October 8 – Internal Club Business

October 1 Duties

Opening Words – Britt

Raffle Gift – Leasure

Meeting Room Setup – please [sign up](#)*

Owl – please [sign up](#)

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

October 8 Duties

Opening Words – Callahan

Raffle Gift – Lohrman

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Opening Words – Tiffanie quoted from Winston Churchill for her opening words:

"Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage."

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday, Frank Butterworth! (October 1)

Congratulations to John LoBosco for winning a Hannaford gift certificate donated by Kathy Cotter!

Mike Geneseo (aka Mikey 5-Names) sends his regards to the club via Nicole.

THANK YOU, SARI & TONY! In my hurry to get the bulletin out on Monday, I neglected to give credit to Sari, Tony and our club's board for gathering the impressive amount of donations made to the South Portland Food Cupboard!

Thank you to Bill Lohrman & the Spehs for their patience in putting up with technical difficulties so they can attend every week! And to the Owl for letting them do so!

Guests – Renee Burch joined us this week (some of us had already met her when she volunteered at the Bug Light open house at the Car Show.

LET'S BUILD!! – Club members should have received two emails from Sari about an opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity this coming Friday (10/3). She assures us that no knowledge or experience is necessary and that lunch will be provided. If you are a friend of the club, you are definitely invited to join us – let Sari or me know if you would like more information.

South Portland Food Cupboard – Everyone is aware of the club's monthly commitment to process food at the Food Cupboard on the last Thursday of every month. However we may not all be aware that several members volunteer on a regular basis in addition to the club activity. Club members who are regular drivers are:

- ❖ Both Peters – Bennett and DeGennaro
- ❖ Dave Bagdasarian, Sr.
- ❖ Mike Tranfaglia
- ❖ Adrienne Murphy
- ❖ Aaron Filieo
- ❖ Patty Sprague & her husband Roger Berube
- ❖ Former member Dave Rogers

In addition we have fellow members who process on a regular basis such as Adrienne, Phil & Bags. (There may be more – apologies if I left you out – let me know so I can add a correction!). Also Tony and Brent have been organizing our activities on Thursday evenings for several years.

Tony recently forwarded an email from Nicolette (nicolette@southportlandfoodcupboard.org) at SPFC highlighting the need for drivers in October and November – here are the specific October needs. If you are interested in helping out in that capacity, feel free to contact one of the people listed above to get an idea of what’s involved, or email Nicolette.

BIG NEED, between now and winter (all of football season) we need a Driver/Helper team for the Second Saturday of the Months (starting Oct 11th) for both Oak Hill and Payne Rd Scarborough stores.

Other October 2025 needs!

- Sat. Oct 4th- Mill Creek/Westbrook - need Driver and Helper
- Sunday Oct 5th- All 4 stores- Driver **or** Helper needed
- Wed. Oct 8th- Route 2 Home Delivery- need Driver and Helper
- Sat. Oct 11th- Scarborough stores- need Driver and Helper
- Sunday Oct 18th- Scarborough stores- need helper
- Sat. Oct 25th- Scarborough stores- need helper
- Sunday Oct 26th- All 4 stores- Driver **or** Helper needed

Foundation Football – Congratulations to the winner of week #3 in the football pool - Laurenz (the Commissioner’s nickname for him is Football). Coming in a close second was Cleveland Browns fan Bill (If it’s Brown it’s Down) Anderson. Due to some technical difficulties, I didn’t receive some of the photos that the Commissioner had sent me to illustrate past winners, so here are the winners for the past 3 weeks (LoBosco, York, Schmidt).



Employment for Veterans – Our speaker this week was Vickie Hayer, a former Sergeant in the Air Force. She is from Maine but lived most of her life in California. She moved back to Maine nine months ago and since then has been working at the Greater Portland Career Center as an LVER. That stands for Local Veterans Employment Representative – her job involves a lot of initials – JVSG (Jobs for Veterans State Grant), DVOP (Disabled Veteran Outreach Program), DOL (Department of Labor – this is a program of the Maine DOL). She informed us that Maine has the largest percentage of veterans in our population in the country – as well as the oldest VA hospital in the country (Togus)!

Vickie informed us about a couple of events for veterans:
Maine’s Hire-a-Vet – Upcoming hiring events are at:

- October 16 – Maine Sports Arena
- November 13 – UMaine Farmington

Homeless Veterans Mobile Stand Downs – these are events that connect homeless & at-risk veterans to housing resources, healthcare services, employment & training opportunities, personal care items, winter clothing, haircuts, food and other community resources. They will be held from 10-2 at:

- October 8 - Tri County Career Center, Bangor
- October 15 – Veterans Memorial Park, Lewiston
- October 29 – Hannaford, Forest Avenue, Portland
- November 5 – Mill Park, Augusta

Overdue Photos – I said in last week’s bulletin that I owed you some photos from Open Lighthouse Day. Below is Howie Wright and the old telephone that he found in Bug Light when he first opened it up.

AND... Bug Light was modeled after the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates near the Acropolis in Athens. Lysicrates was a choregos, which was a wealthy Athenian citizen who assumed the public duty, or *choregiai*, of financing the preparation for the chorus and other aspects of dramatic production that were not paid for by the government. It was the first structure that used the Corinthian order on the exterior of a building. It just so happened that exactly one year ago from Open Lighthouse Day, Sari and the Meyers were visiting the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates. (Nancy & Scott – did you get a chance to visit it also?)



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