

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 12, 2026**



Upcoming Dates:

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

August 19 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs. Admission of \$50 donation to PolioPlus gets you a skybox ticket, pizza, hot dogs & Sea Dogs biscuits.

August 25, 5:30 – Board meeting via Zoom. Let Laurenz know if you are not a board member but would like the link.

August 26 – NO MEETING

September 9 – Bug Light Car Show

September 12 – Open Lighthouse Day

September 2 Duties

Opening Words – Sturtevant
Raffle Gift – Albert

September 9 Duties

Opening Words – Swift-Kayatta
Raffle Gift – Britt

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

Opening Words – Patty Sprague opened with thanking the club on behalf of Lyric Theater for our donation which qualifies us to be a show sponsor. She thought that “You Can’t Take It With You” would be a suitable show for us to be the sponsor of, and her opening words were a couple short selections from the script for that show (one of which I’ll paraphrase as “what do you need so much money for – you can’t take it with you!”)

What’s New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

-  *Tony Wagner - August 24*
-  *Dee Dee Wacksman - September 2*
-  *Diane Robinson - September 8*

Happy Anniversary to:

-  *Jeff & Linda Gabrielson - August 16*
-  *David & Megan Bagdasarian - August 19*
-  *John & Sue LoBosco - August 31*

Congratulations to our guest speaker Chris Payne for winning the raffle prize - an IOU!

Guests – *We were joined by Brian Lewis, a guest of Scott Irving.*

Dueling Sports – Our club has two fundraiser sports running up against each other – both require a donation to PolioPlus of \$50 for:

- ❖ A ticket to a Sea Dogs baseball game on August 19, or
- ❖ Entry into the Foundation Football pool.

Unlike Kalshi, weekly winners of Foundation Football win something much more valuable – FAME AND GLORY!!! And the chance to be the keeper of the coveted Yorkie Trophy for a week. See Chuck’s email for details, and contact him directly if you are new to the pool and need the PoolHost information in order to play.

Dirigo Science Connection – Our speaker this week was Chris Payne, founder of Dirigo Science Connection. Chris is an Interact alumnus and credits Interact with his interest in volunteering for his community. Chris has a background in marine biology and leadership. He created Dirigo Science Connection (DSC) to “create a way to teach scientists how to be better at

interpersonal side of the job.” Its mission is to “build a stronger scientific community through leadership training and community engagement. In addition to leadership workshops and presentations, the most visible activity of DSC is clean-ups at the Greenbelt, Bug Light Park, Willard Beach and Davidson’s Beach (which most of us had never heard of but it’s by the Coast Guard station in SP). DSC was a recipient of a \$500 grant from our club for tools, handouts and volunteer t-shirts. Chris would like to spread the word about the activities of DSC so that he could conduct clean-ups at additional locations in South Portland and neighboring communities. DSC (well mainly Chris) was also responsible for organizing the Earth Day Resource Fair at Mill Creek Park, which had 40 vendors as well as food trucks and entertainment.



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