

# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
August 5, 2026**



## **Upcoming Dates:**

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

**August 10, 6 – 7:30** – “Sounds by the Sea” – Portland Symphony Orchestra Ensemble, Fort Williams Picnic Shelter

**August 12** – Chris Payne, Dirigo Science Connection

**August 19** – Rotary at the Sea Dogs. Admission of \$50 donation to PolioPlus gets you a skybox ticket, pizza, hot dogs & Sea Dogs biscuits - let Nicole know if you plan to attend.

**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

## **August 12 Duties**

Opening Words – Sprague  
Raffle Gift – Bentley

## September 2 Duties

Opening Words – Sturtevant

Raffle Gift – Albert

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

**Opening Words** – Ellie Speh shared a couple thoughts about being a peacemaker, including this one from Mother Teresa:

*“Peace begins with a smile.”*

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

*Happy Birthday to Tony Wagner (August 24)*

*Happy Anniversary to”*

- 👤 JD & Christine Dobson - August 3*
- 👤 Paul & Jan Butler - August 11 (70 years!)*
- 👤 Frank & Debbie Butterworth - August 12*
- 👤 Jeff & Linda Gabrielson - August 16*
- 👤 David & Megan Bagdasarian - August 19*
- 👤 John & Sue LoBosco - August 31*

*Congratulations to Marge, who won a Panera gift certificate courtesy of Dave Bagdasarian, Jr.*

**Stepping Up!** – President Laurenz began the meeting by stressing that we urgently need to fill three positions in the club:

- Program chair(s)
- Tree Sale chair(s)
- Club Administration Director

A huge THANK YOU to those who responded by stepping up:

- ❖ **Marge Dugan – Program chair through December**
- ❖ **Bob Flynn – Program chair for the second half of the year**
- ❖ **Nicole Albert & Maggie Williams – Tree sale co-chairs**

**Continuing Discussions** – There was also thoughtful discussion about what Laurenz termed “resource leveling.” In other words we need to balance the demands on club members’ time with the number of Rotarians able to volunteer. The desired outcome would be to increase the number of available Rotarians rather than cut back on the activities we’re involved in. Laurenz will be investigating how the Wells club had success in attracting new members, and will form a working group to pursue the idea of corporate memberships as well as other potential solutions.

**Global Grant Update** – Nancy Irving filled us in on the various ways that the committee is preparing to submit a grant application to send \$1.3 million worth of medical equipment to Uganda. Several members of our club have been involved as well as Rotarians from Alabama and West Chester, PA. The committee has secured pledges (including district and Rotary Foundation matches) of \$101,000. As impressive as this is, we still have roughly another \$75k to go to be able to accomplish the entire project. The committee is shooting for submitting the application by September 15, by which time all the funding must be identified (but not paid).

**A Six-Fold Match!** – I’m a little unclear about what this antique car – Miss Vicky - has to do with polio but the car’s owner has been using it in a campaign to raise funds to eradicate polio. The “Miss Vicky Team” and the Gates Foundation are matching donations to PolioPlus such that every dollar becomes SIX dollars! You recently received emails from Nicole (regarding the August 19 Sea Dogs game) and from Chuck (re “Foundation Football”) which both mentioned the Miss Vicky Challenge. Note that you only get the Miss Vicky match if you donate through the Raise for Rotary webpage (you will get the Gates Foundation match no matter what). Here is the link to Raise for Rotary: [Miss Vicky 2027 Challenge for PolioPlus! | Raise for Rotary](#)  
Note that you can donate online or by check.



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

Officers

President – Laurenz Schmidt  
President-Elect – Michael Tranfaglia  
Vice-President – Chuck Redman  
Secretary – Kathy Cotter  
Treasurer – Marge Dugan

Directors

Club Administration – *vacant*  
Youth Services – Ray Healey & John LoBosco  
Community Services – Nancy Hawes & Tom Meyers  
International – Patty Sprague & Chris Speh  
Membership – Bob Danielson  
Director-At-Large – Peter Bennett

Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Nicole Albert & Maggie Williams  
SpringFest – Marge Dugan  
Program Chairs – Marge Dugan (1<sup>st</sup> half) & Bob Flynn (2<sup>nd</sup> half)  
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert  
Social Media - Matt McAleney  
Publicity – Jim Britt  
Web Administrator – Scott Irving  
Bulletin Editor – Nancy Hawes  
Veterans – Jeff Gabrielson  
Bug Light – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien & Jill Nadeau  
Club Protection Officer – Nicole Albert

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