# TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth**

**November 11, 2026**




**Upcoming Dates:**

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

**November 18** – Official Visit from our District Governor Michele Bois-Gilbody

**November 21** – Tree Lot Set-up

**November 25** – NO MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 27** – First Tree Delivery

**December 2 –** Mary Reid speaking on Frances Perkins; Her Story and Legacy

**December 5** – 2nd Tree Delivery

**December 14, 4-6** – Presentation by Columbia University students summarizing their study of Bug Light & other Maine lighthouses

**November 18 Duties**

Opening Words – Albert
Raffle Gift – DeGennaro

**December 2 Duties**
Opening Words – Anderson
Raffle Gift –Dorrington

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

**Opening Words** – Since our meeting was on Veterans Day, Dick Yerxa shared this message:

> **THANK YOU** for the years you gave, the miles you marched, and the burdens you carried for the rest of us. Your strength, selflessness, and service are nothing short of extraordinary. We honor you with heartfelt gratitude.

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

*Our profound sympathy to Shirley Mooers and the rest of Dan's family. Note that his name no longer comes up in the club directory UNLESS you click on the orange "Display All Member Types" in the Club Directory. Her address is:*

*Woods at Canco*
*257 Canco Road, Apt 109*
*Portland, ME 04103*

*Welcome back, Laurenz!*

*Happy Birthday to*
- *Nicole Albert - November 13*

*Ongoing get well wishes to Katie Dobson!*

*Congratulations to Nancy Irving who won the mystery raffle prize.*

*Thank you to Tiffanie who let us know about the Phi Theta Kappa dinner at SMCC to raise money for Maine Children's Cancer Program - the spaghetti and tiramisu were delicious!*

*Guests – We were joined by Michele Gentry, who is in charge of services for Asylum seekers at Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP). She just happened to run into Dan McDonald at the SMCC Dining Hall and he invited her to join us for our meeting. Michele pointed out that Dan is a superstar in terms of the number of hours that he volunteers his legal services to help asylum seekers who sometimes are literally facing life or death circumstances.*

**TREE UPDATE** – Maggie announced that the beautiful posters designed by the Interact clubs have been copied and I actually ran into her distributing them in Mill Creek yesterday! It's coming soon!

**MY BAD!!!** – My profoundest apologies to Bill ANDERSON whom I falsely accused of ranting about Jalen Hurts. I should have read more carefully the email to the Commissioner from Bill. It was in response to the Commissioner's announcement that Bill ANDERSON had won the football pool, and so since the email was from Bill I didn't notice that it was actually from Bill YORK!

**Another Mr. Perfect!!** – The football pool nickname "Mr. Perfect" was claimed by former member Hugh O'Shea in October 2017 when he picked the winner of every game correctly, using a strategy of "pick the better team and cross your fingers." I don't know if that's Johnny Front Porch's (i.e. LoBosco) strategy but it worked for him this week – he picked the winner of every game!




**MEMBERSHIP – Part One** – Our Membership Chair Bob Danielson has a list of 50 ways to attract new members to a Rotary Club; here are a few that he highlighted:

- Make meetings fun
- Everyone should have a one-minute elevator speech about the benefits of being a Rotarian
- Hold an open house and invite the public, e.g. business leaders
- Ask businesses to sponsor members (I think this is already underway)
- Have high-profile speakers/programming and invite the press
- Make sure the website has correct information and contains information about membership
- Members of the club should participate in non-Rotary events as well and have a high profile in the community.
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**MEMBERSHIP – Part Two** – Well, indirectly anyway – the topic that Tom Meyers presented about was Volunteerism and he compared volunteer time in our club with the national trends as well as global Rotary trends. The results were quite interesting and Tom is to be congratulated on

the tremendous amount of thought and research that went into creating his presentation. Rather than try to regurgitate it, links to both the full version and the Readers Digest version will be linked in the cover email. WELL DONE, TOM!!!!

Note that Tom and the Membership Committee led by Bob D will be following up on the suggestions made at the end of the presentation. If you would like to discuss any aspects of Tom's findings or suggestions, he invites your questions/feedback. Similarly if you would like to be part of the follow-up please let him know.

**Bob's November Rotary Magazine Quiz**

*I'm adding an extra question about the November magazine – who was the third to last live speaker at our Rotary club on February 26, 2020 before Covid shut us down? Answer – she's right on the cover of the magazine – Katie Spotz!*

1. Who is the editor-in-chief of our Rotary Magazine?
    a. Kristen Morris
    b. Katie McCoy
    c. Wen Huang
    d. K.P. Nagesh
2. Who has been selected to serve as the 2026-27 Rotary President?
    a. Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
    b. Diaba Schoberg
    c. Isao Mizuon
    d. Wyn Spiller
3. Ray Bushnell has an unusual job – what is it?
    a. Zookeeper
    b. Uber Driver in Hong Kong
    c. Fundraiser for the Rose Bowl Parade
    d. Guide at Gettysburg Battlefield
4. What month are we celebrating in Rotary?
    a. Polio Eradication
    b. Festival of Lights
    c. Home Projects Clinics
    d. Rotary Foundation Month
5. How much money must a donor give to become an Arch Klumph Society member?
    a. $50,000
    b. $175,000
    c. $250,000
    d. $1,000,000

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

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President-Elect – Michael Tranfaglia
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Club Administration – *vacant*
Youth Services – Ray Healey & John LoBosco
Community Services –Nancy Hawes & Tom Meyers
International – Patty Sprague & Chris Speh
Membership – Bob Danielson
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Committee Chairs

Tree Sale – Nicole Albert & Maggie Williams
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Web Administrator – Scott Irving
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Veterans – Jeff Gabrielson
Bug Light – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien & Jill Nadeau
Club Protection Officer – Nicole Albert

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