TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

November 4, 2026



Upcoming Dates:

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

November 7, 7:30 – You Can't Take it With You at Lyric Theater

November 11 – Tom Meyers, Volunteerism in the US – and in SPCE Rotary

November 12 – Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at SMCC – see details below

November 17, 5:30 – Board of Directors meeting; let Laurenz know if you're not a board member but would like to attend (meetings are open to all)

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

November 21 – Tree Lot Set-up – see signup online. SPHS Football team will help!

November 25 – NO MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27, 7:45 – First Tree Delivery, with help from SPHS Basketball Team

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

December 3 ***(tentative)*** – South Portland Food Cupboard

December 5, 7:45 – 2nd Tree Delivery

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

November 11 Duties
Opening Words – Yerxa
Raffle Gift – Danois

November 18 Duties
Opening Words – Albert
Raffle Gift – DeGennaro

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

Opening Words – Brent Wilson chose opening words that match the theme for the evening – Christmas trees!

> Every season has beauty to behold; it's your perspective that either helps you see the beauty or learn to block it out.
> "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."
> — **John Steinbeck,**
> I can remember what a source of wonder to me Jack Frost and the moon were, and the hours I used to spend before frosted windows, seeing all kinds of fairylands...

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Thank you to Mike Tranfaglia who sat in for President Laurenz while he is traveling on business!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sybil Riemensnider.
And also with Dan Mooers, who is dealing with health challenges.

Happy Birthday to
- *Matt McAleney - November 8*
- *Nicole Albert - November 13*

Happy Anniversary to Adrienne & Steve Murphy on November 12!

Congratulations to Peter Bennett on winning a gift certificate to Dock's courtesy of Bob Danielson!

Thank you to all veterans for their service to our country!

November Rotaversaries:

- *Diane Robinson - 1 year*
- *Jill Nadeau - 2 years*
- *Mark Leasure - 11 years*
- *Kathy Cotter - 21 years*
- *Adrienne Murphy - 34 years*
- *Jeff Hobbs - 42 years*
- *Bob Knupp - 46 years!!*

Foundation Football, Week 7 – Bill "Browns It's Down" Anderson won the football pool for week 7 by virtue of the Cowboys win over the Eagles, whom Paul "Lots of Upside" Smith had selected to win on Monday night. Paul shared second place with John LoBosco, Kathy Cotter, Sue Sturtevant and Tom Meyers. Bill's acknowledgement to the commissioner of his success included scathing remarks about Jalen Hurts and even his parents for naming him Jalen (calm down, Bill!)

And Week 8 – Paul Smith lost again, this time to Mike Tranfaglia (I don't remember his nickname!); sharing second place was Dave "Half in the Bags." The Commissioner threatened that if Paul keeps coming in second, his nickname will become "Perennial Bridesmaid."





Spaghetti at SMCC – Tiffanie alerted us to a fundraiser that the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is holding next Thursday in the Culinary Arts Dining Room at SMCC (the dining room that has an even BETTER view than the cafeteria where we eat each week) – all proceeds will benefit Maine Children's Cancer Program Fund. The meal, which will be prepared by Culinary Arts students with ingredients donated by Olive Garden, includes spaghetti with bolognese sauce, salad, breadsticks and dessert. Cost is $15 pp ($5 for children 10 and under). There are 2 seatings – one at 5 and one at 6:15; you can register at this link.

So Close – Nancy Irving announced that of our $176,700 goal for the Maranatha Maternity Hospital grant, we are only about $11,000 short in fundraising. Wow, what an amazing job the committee has done in raising funds for this project. The grant will be submitted sometime later this month, and Mike Tranfaglia is hard at work in organizing the training trip that is part of the grant project.

TREES! – Nicole, Scott and Maggie highlighted changes and reminders about the upcoming tree sale.

Nicole's mantras:

1. ~~**Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting,**~~ **Every Night is Saturday Night** – When you're closing up the lot at night, pretend that every night is Saturday – i.e. pretend the bank will not be open the next day so you have to leave change in the trailer for the next day's shift. This will mean that whoever opens each day does NOT have to go to the bank to get change!
2. **It's ok to not want to use the chainsaw if you're uncomfortable using it, but EVERYONE needs to know how to use the Square.** If you don't already know how to use it, there is a detailed manual in the trailer (and it will be online also) and you can ask someone who knows how to use it to show you.

Other tidbits:

- We are fortunate to have lots of young folks who will be helping us – SPHS football, basketball (and hockey?) teams, CE robotics team, both high school Interact clubs – we appreciate it!!!
- However they are not allowed to work on top of the delivery truck so if you have any family members or friends with strong backs who might be willing to help with the tree deliveries, it would be very much appreciated!!
- When working on the lot, be sure to let customers know where their money is going – all of the things we support in the community.
- Our two Interact clubs designed some **great** posters that we can put around town to promote the tree sale – thank you, Interactors!!!

Bob's November Rotary Magazine Quiz –

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

HALLOWEEN AT SMCC





ROTARY CLUB OF
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH

Officers

President – Laurenz Schmidt
President-Elect – Michael Tranfaglia
Vice-President – Chuck Redman
Secretary – Kathy Cotter
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Directors

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

Committee Chairs
Tree Sale – Nicole Albert & Maggie Williams
SpringFest – Marge Dugan
Program Chairs – Marge Dugan (1st half) & Bob Flynn (2nd 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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