

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 2, 2026**



Upcoming Dates:

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

September 9 – Allison Hodgkins, World Affairs Council of Maine

September 9 – Bug Light Car Show

September 12 – Open Lighthouse Day

September 16 – Pathways to a Successful Tree Sale

September 23 – NO MEETING

September 30 – Archie, the Portland Police Department "Comfort" Dog

October 7 – Adam & Kim Perron, Unified Sports in South Portland Schools

October 14 – Renee Brouse, ShelterBox

September 9 Duties

Opening Words – Swift-Kayatta

Raffle Gift – from Kathy's stash

September 16 Duties

Opening Words – Tranfaglia

Raffle Gift – Burch

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

Opening Words – Since school started this week, Sue Sturtevant chose the fitting poem “School Prayer” by Diane Ackerman:

In the name of the daybreak
And the eyelids of morning
And the wayfaring moon
And the night when it departs,
I swear I will not dishonor
My soul with hatred,
But offer myself humbly
As a guardian of nature,
As a healer of misery,
As a messenger of wonder,
As an architect of peace.

In the name of the sun and its mirrors
And the day that embraces it
And the could veils drawn over it
And the uttermost night
And the male and the female
And the plants bursting with seed
And the crowning seasons
Of the firefly and the apple,
I will honor all life
Wherever and in whatever form
It may dwell – on Earth my home,
And in the mansions of the stars.

What's New With Our Members (& Friends)

Happy Birthday to

-  *Diane Robinson - September 8*
-  *Scott Irving - September 9*
-  *Catherine Dorrington - September 13*

Happy Anniversary to:

-  *Bob & Alicia Danielson - September 10*
-  *Dan & Edie Davidson - September 15*

Congratulations to Mike McGovern on winning a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books courtesy of Nicole.

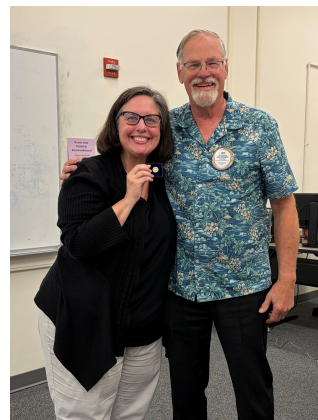
September Rotaversaries

- 🌀 Marge Dugan - 4 years
- 🌀 Patty Sprague - 8 years
- 🌀 Ellie Speh - 17 years
- 🌀 Ray Healey - 32 years
- 🌀 Bob Danielson - also 32 years
- 🌀 Dave Bagdasarian, Sr. - 44 years
- 🌀 Jack Roberts - 51 years!!

“Y’all are giving your money away willy nilly” – that’s a quote from our club Foundation chair Nicole Albert as she presented three club members with Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition pins:

- 🌀 Ray Healey – PHF (“it’s a pleasure to be part of this group”)
- 🌀 Chuck Redman – PHF+1
- 🌀 Jeff Gabrielson – PHF+4

Thank you to these three generous donors!!



Sweetening the Pot! – The 10th year of Foundation Football brought an announcement from Commissioner Chuck of a major incentive for participating in – and potentially winning – the Foundation Football weekly competition. Instead of taking home the fabulous “Yorkie” trophy to be its caretaker for 7 days, each weekly winner will win their own weekly trophy – that they can KEEP!



Climate Change and Renewable Energy Demystified – President Laurenz gave a very educational and thought-provoking presentation about energy, the clear correlation between fossil fuel depletion and carbon dioxide emissions and measures that can be taken to mitigate climate change. Here is the text from one of his slides:

How can we slow or stop the process:

“When you are in a hole and want to get out of it, the first thing you need to do isSTOP DIGGING!!!”

- ❖ Reduce energy inefficiency: EV, Heat pumps, insulation, Heat recovery
- ❖ Rapidly reduce the use of fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal)
- ❖ Replace with greenhouse gas-neutral energy sources: Solar, Wind, Nuclear, Biomass, Tidal, Geothermal
- ❖ Include waste mitigation in the levelized cost of energy
- ❖ Don't waste time!

I can't do justice to all the well-researched and thoughtfully laid out material in his presentation but his main messages were that climate change is real, resulting in devastating consequences to come, but that we can – and must – do something about it!

The Weight of the World Sun on His Shoulders – After launching Foundation Football, Bill York went on to (much) bigger and better things:



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

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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
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 (1st half) & Bob Flynn (2nd half)
Foundation Chair – Nicole Albert
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Bug Light – Sam Wilkens-O'Brien & Jill Nadeau
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