



Bug Light
South Portland

TWO LIGHTS

South Portland — Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club
On the Maine coast



Portland Head Light
Cape Elizabeth

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. at Purpoodock Club, Spurwink Avenue, Cape Elizabeth

March 14, 1990 meeting

Housekeeping Items:

We had three guests with us at the March 14th meeting. Introduced were Don Wyman (from the Westbrook club), George Dunn (former member of our club - now with the Maine Mall club), and Will Mitchell (son of our speaker for the evening).

Mick Maher conducted the Raffle for an "Irish Spirits" prize. Tom Hennessey won

Happy Dollars were collected from :

- Jack Roberts - After finding his muffler in trouble while car shopping. The repair shop fixed it at no charge.
- Bill Kourakos - Jackie lost 2 pounds this week
- Jackie - For losing the two pounds
- Chris Newell - Running into Bob Flynn while jogging (Cape Challenge?)
- Fred Jensen - Good week overall.

Songs were done by the "Joe Conroy singers" (i.e. Bob Carson, Tom Hennessey, Paul Butler, George Dunn) in keeping with the Holiday the songs were "Irish Eyes" and "Too Ra Loo Ra".

Club Announcements :

LAST WEEK WAS A MISPRINT FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK'S PROGRAM. THE CLUB FORUM WILL BE ON THE 28TH ! NICK PAPPAS HAS THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM !!

The board passed a motion to donate \$200 to the Water Extrication Team from Cape Elizabeth.

Thirty-five members have signed up thus far to help with the Portland Headlight project. See Tony Wagner if you want more information.

We are having trouble finding entertainment for "Kids Night" on May 30th. If you have any ideas pass them along to one of the members of the board.

An additional week is being given for people to submit nominations for the citizenship awards. We have one nomination so far. It is important to submit these names so we can honor qualified people from Cape Elizabeth and South Portland for their public service.

Chris Newell reminded members to sign up for the Governor's 100 mile challenge. We will be visiting clubs in Wellsley, Mass. April 10th and Old Town Maine on April 26th. We need at least 10 members for each trip to meet the challenge. Sign up to go and designate whether you can be a driver. Chris has some room in his van but not enough for everyone.

Brochures for prospective club members have been completed. Thanks go to Bill Kourakos, Mike McGovern, Tony Wagner, Dan Davidson, and Jack Roberts for their efforts. If you would like to see a copy or need one for a new member you are proposing see Jack Roberts.

Upcoming Duties:

- March 21st : Program - Pappas
Raffle - Connell
Sgt at Arms - Kane
- March 28th : Program - Club Forum
Raffle - Conroy
Sgt. at Arms - Stanton
- March 14th : Program - Russell
Raffle - Carson
Sgt. at Arms - Dube

Student Speakers :

Scott May and Kara Rubin both seniors at Cape Elizabeth were our student speakers.

Scott is a member of National Honor Society and the Maroon Society. He has played

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basketball for 4 years (captain this year) and tennis for four years. He is vice president of his class and will be attending North Carolina State University next year. Scott spoke briefly about the National Helpers program he participates in. This program brings together students from various local area high schools and acquires speakers on various topics such as "eating disorders" and "substance abuse". In turn they bring this information back to their schools.

Kara also is a member of National Honor Society and the Maroon Society. She has been a swimmer for four years (captain this year). She is student government member at large and is member of this year's graduation committee. She will be attending Duke University in the fall. Kara spoke briefly on the upcoming graduation events. Graduation will be at the Fort this year (hoping for good weather) and will be followed by the all night celebration at the Merrymeeting Bay Health Spa in Brunswick.

Speaker :

Bob Flynn introduced the speaker Libby Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell has just given up her post as the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority to campaign for the House of Representatives replacing Joe Brennan. Ms. Mitchell's political career has included being a member of the Maine State legislature including Majority Floor Leader during that time. Her husband Jim is a judge in the state and they have five children.

Ms. Mitchell spoke to us on Housing in Maine. She said it took her some time to learn all the jargon on housing issues when she first took over the post. Some of the statistics during her tenure included \$350,000,000 in loans to low income families, 5,000 new houses for low income families, no scandal as seen in the national HUD group, and no waste of funds.

Maine is suffering from severe housing problems because of the rising value of property. One example is that members of local services organizations can't afford to live in their own community (eg. a fireman in Southwest Harbor has to live off the island

creating a commute during a fire situation). First homes are very tough for young families today and housing availability has gone down in recent years.

One of the problems is that people see the economy as weak and therefore housing prices coming down. We should not overstate the weakness in the economy, it is still strong enough to put housing outside the reach of many families incomes. The number of people in risk of losing homes in Maine is 50,000. They spend over half their income on their home.

Ms. Mitchell urged that groups like ours can have a voice in the community to see that affordable housing exists for members of the community (and still take care of the environment). The issue is all about partnership; "to let people own their own homes".

Ms. Mitchell was asked about her three major campaign issues. They were "place to live, place to work, and planning for peace in the world (i.e. the impact on economy and the first two issues)".

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