

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 10, 2013

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 17 – Club Assembly

April 24 – Charles Colgan, State Economic Forecast

May 1 – Chris Busby, Editor, The Bollard

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>	<u>May 1</u>
Song	Bagdasarian	Barker	Butler
Invocation	LoBosco	Livingston	LoBosco
Raffle Gift	Anderson	Bagdasarian	Baldwin
Conductor	Butterworth	Baldwin	Callahan

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 22 – Earth Day – do something kind for our planet!

April 24 – Public Works Luncheon at SP Community Center

May 15 – VA2k Walk and Roll

June 11 – Fundraiser for CEHS trip to Safe Passage at Flatbreads

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to John LoBosco - April 21

Editor's Note – *Due to my recent preoccupation with taxes, I was unable to attend the April 10 meeting. When I get the notes from that meeting, I will incorporate them in the next bulletin. In the meantime...*

The White House held a recognition ceremony on April 5 to honor 12 Rotarians, one of whom was our Past District Governor Ann Lee Hussey. Our club's own Sybil Riemensnider was also nominated for the award, an honor in itself. Mike McGovern, in his capacity as Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, was asked to make some remarks and the following is an excerpt from that speech which captures the unique nature of The Rotary Foundation to make a difference in the world.

Prepared Remarks for Rotary Day at the White House, by Michael McGovern

A couple of years ago Rotary convened a number of focus groups of citizens on all the major continents bypassing only Antarctica.

We asked their impressions of Rotary and quizzed them on their knowledge of Rotary. Most knew little of Rotary. When they were told of what Rotary does, a few offered it just could not be true that Rotary had made such an impact.

Rotary leaders have reflected on why so little is truly known about Rotary. Rotary of course has many attributes and is described in many varied ways even by long time Rotarians.

Among the many ways that Rotary can be described is as follows:

It is the most local of any international organization.

Being most local could be seen as a restraint on what we can accomplish.

It isn't.

Being local gives us 34,000 places to assess community needs.

It gives us the ability to unite community leaders to achieve results.

It gives us a unique opportunity to advocate, as we have done in dozens of countries, to achieve national support for the eradication of polio.

It gives us the entry to bridge continents to find individuals with similar aspirations for the improvement of daily life.

It positions us to partner with other organizations who share similar goals and who wish to work with local leaders from all walks of life.

More than anything else, the future of the Rotary Foundation is about community impact on a global scale.

And if it is the future of the Rotary Foundation, it is no doubt also the future of all of Rotary.

The chairman of our Rotary Foundation, Wilf Wilkinson, who I am pleased to represent today, chose as Rotary's theme when he was Rotary President, "Rotary Shares."

President Tanaka, as he explained earlier, chose as this year's Rotary theme, "Peace Through Service."

All of what Rotary does locally and globally is focused upon sharing our knowledge, talents, our time and our financial resources to bring a more peaceful rewarding life to others.

In so doing, we achieve peace for those whom we serve and for ourselves.

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