## TWO LIGHTS

# Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth April 24, 2013

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

May 1 – Chris Busby, Editor, The Bollard

May 8 – Club Assembly

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

	May 1	<u>May 8</u>	May 15
Song	Butler	Butterworth	Callahan
Invocation	LoBosco	Lourie	McGovern
Raffle Gift	Baldwin	Barker	Butler
Conductor	Callahan	Carson	Conroy

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

May 10 – "Longhaulers Luncheon" at Portland Rotary for Rotarians with 20+ years in Rotary

May 14 – Soup Kitchen

May 15 – VA2k Walk and Roll

May 17-19- District Conference, Spruce Point Inn, Boothbay Harbor

**June 15** – Family Fun Day!

#### What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Anamaria Gonzalez (5/7)

Congratulations to Kaylene Waindle on her engagement to be married. Her mother Lyla Baldwin is on record that she is delighted about the upcoming wedding (you had to be there!)

Thank you to Michele Danois and all the other Red Cross volunteers who helped those in the Boston area affected by the bombing

Thank you to Elyse Tipton for the great publicity coverage for the Bug Light clean-up

Welcome back to Marge Barker from her trip to Guatemala

Thank you to Bill Daviero for leading us on a musical journey back to the 60's

<u>Presidential Discretionary Vouchers</u> – Past President Peter Cotter instituted a tradition of \$50 discretionary vouchers that every member of the club can use. These were originally intended to be used in cases where you saw an individual in need and wanted to be able to help. This has been expanded to also be used to support non-profit organizations or activities – either ones that the club supports, or your own favorite charity. Each club member can determine how \$50 of the club's money is spent without needing approval from the Board. In order to use your "voucher," either write a check yourself and then ask Nancy Irving to reimburse you, or send her your request for a check to be written directly from the club.

**<u>Raffle</u>** - Elyse was the lucky winner of an LL Bean gift card donated by Bags.

The State of Maine's Economy. Our speaker tonight was Charles Colgan, Professor of Public Policy and Management at the Muskie School at USM. Professor Colgan observed that we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of recovery following the recession and although our economy is improving, we are below our potential level of productivity and probably won't reach that level for a few more years. He has recently extended his projection of how long the recovery will last due to the recent sequestration, which will keep unemployment rates higher than they otherwise would have been. On the bright side corporate profit margins are higher than ever, household debt levels are lower than they have been in years, and the housing market has started to turn. Unfortunately Maine's economy is doing worse than the rest of the country and we need the US economy to improve before Maine will be able to catch up.

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