

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 27, 2013

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 6 – Our own Catherine Callahan speaking on Sustainable Landscape Architecture

March 13 – Club Assembly

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>
Song	Swift-Kayatta	Wagner	Waindle
Invocation	Gonzalez	Henriksen	Hawes
Raffle Gift	Thibodeau	Tranfaglia	Usinger
Conductor	Waindle	Yerxa	York

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 12 – Soup Kitchen

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers - 40 years!!

Happy Birthday to Dan Mooers (March 11) and twins Brian Murphy and Kathy Ray (March 12)

Hooray for Tory Russell who has started a Rotaract club at Goucher College!

Belated congratulations to both Bags and Tony Wagner for their 30 years of membership in Rotary - they both joined a week apart in October, 1982.

Good luck to Mark Usinger's son and the rest of the SPHS Robotics team as they head for regional competition.

Thanks to Tony Wagner (for playing host) and Jim Russell (for making the arrangements) and Jan Butler (for serving all the food everyone brought) for another fun Poker Night!

Bon Voyage to our secretary Paul Butler as he heads to Florida for the spring.

Welcome to the Club (again)! The sloppy weather kept a lot of people away, including the speaker (who would have had to drive down from Auburn) so that gave us more time to welcome Eleanor and John O'Marra into the club. Many members remember Eleanor from her previous stint in the club (known then as Eleanor Brainin) and are delighted to have her back. Eleanor is retired from UBS as a financial adviser and John is retired from the Air Force. They are looking forward to giving back to the community through Rotary and are especially interested in working with young people. Welcome to the Club!

Frugal Feast – The District's World Understanding and Peace Dinner was billed as a Frugal Feast to underscore the day's theme of feeding the hungry (and also allowed a little of the proceeds to go to the Rotary Foundation). The day started with a food drive held at Shaws by the Breakwater Club which yielded many boxes of food and over \$800 in donations for the Food Cupboard.

Although frugal, the meal that evening was very tasty – diners from our club included Nancy & Scott Irving, Sybil Riemensnider, Nancy Hawes and the featured speaker Mike McGovern. Mike's speech was also on the topic of food, with references to cherry pie. The gist of the cherry pie point was that no matter how good the pie is, once you eat it, it's gone. So no matter how well we may do in a given year with our Rotary Foundation giving, that money all gets spent for worthwhile projects, and then it's gone. So we should have a mindset of giving each year to the Foundation (Every Rotarian Every Year) rather than "one and done."

Must Be Present to Win? – Apparently not, because Dan Davidson won the raffle gift certificate donated by Jon Talty in absentia.

Polio P.S. – As a follow-up to Ann Lee Hussey's speech on polio last week, there is good news and bad news on the polio front. Last week Ann Lee mentioned polio workers in Nigeria and Afghanistan who had been killed in the course of going door to door. This week a policeman accompanying a polio worker was also killed in Pakistan. That of course is the bad news. The good news is that NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg has committed \$100 million towards polio eradication! Someone in the audience last week asked how to get people in the US interested in polio eradication. In their article in the 2/28/13 WSJ, Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg summarized the problem in a nutshell: "Some might wonder why so much effort and money is being devoted to fight a disease that is contracted by fewer people than can fit on a commercial airplane. The answer is that keeping the number of new cases this low cannot be sustained year after year—polio will make a comeback if it is not eradicated."

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