

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
January 30, 2013

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**February 6 (at 6 p.m.)** – Special panel discussion on mental health – see details below.

**February 13** – Peter Mills, Maine Turnpike Authority

**February 20** – Ann Lee Hussey, Polio Update

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>	<u>February 20</u>
Song	Talty	Thibodeau	Tranfaglia
Invocation	Dobson	Dube	Flynn
Raffle Gift	Wagner	Talty	Swift-Kayatta
Conductor	Thibodeau	Tranfaglia	Usinger

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**February 5 at 5:30** – Beer and Wine Social and Silent Auction at DiMillo’s Floating Restaurant to benefit Maine Children’s Cancer Program.

**February 11** – New Member Orientation at the home of Ellie Speh – see website or Scott Irving for details.

**February 12** – Soup Kitchen

## *What’s New With Our Members*

*Happy Anniversary to Chuck & Melissa Redman (Feb. 12)*

*Congratulations to Kaylene Waindle on her new job working in the Attorney General’s office - we hope this doesn’t mean that we’ll lose you, Kaylene!!*

## A Message from President Bob:

**In keeping with my commitment to keep you informed of any exceptions to the 6:15 club meeting start time, we will begin the scheduled February 6th meeting at 6:00 vs. 6:15 at**

**Purpodock.** This action is being taken in order to accommodate the unique program that is scheduled for that evening. We will be conducting a panel discussion and are extremely fortunate to have the following outstanding panel members:

- ❖ Ed Googins – South Portland Chief of Police
- ❖ Neil Williams – Cape Elizabeth Chief of Police
- ❖ Suzanne Godin – South Portland Superintendent of Schools
- ❖ Meredith Nadeau – Cape Elizabeth Superintendent of Schools
- ❖ Anne Pringle – Chair of the Maine Medical Center's Consumer & Community Board on Mental Health Issues; Chair, Maine Mental Health Partners Board of Directors
- ❖ Dr. Doug Robbins – Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Maine Medical Center; Chair, The Glickman Family Center for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Spring Harbor Hospital; Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Tufts University School of Medicine (Doug is also inviting a social worker colleague who specializes in substance abuse.)

The program will be for one hour (**6:30 to 7:30**) focusing specifically on addressing **questions submitted by you**, the club members, with the objective of gaining insight as to how our community leaders hope to address the issues brought to light as a result of tragic events such as what took place in Newtown. We will have the opportunity to get feedback from law enforcement, education, and mental health representatives relating to what can be done at the local level, by whom, and how will the associated costs be addressed.

**A great deal of effort went into arranging this program and I hope that the meeting will be well attended by both club members and guests.**

Please email proposed questions for the panel to: [robertflynn13@gmail.com](mailto:robertflynn13@gmail.com). **Questions should be submitted by February 1st.**

Thank you for supporting our efforts to bring you stimulating, thought provoking programs.

Bob Flynn

### **Thanks for the plug, Bill Gates!**

Matt Lauer interviewed Bill Gates on the Today Show on Wednesday, January 30 and he talked a lot about polio – it was clear that he is just as passionate about eradicating polio as any Rotarian. At the end Matt asked him what charity he would recommend for the person who only has \$10 to donate. Gates suggested 2 charities then said *“or if you want to help eradicate polio, you could go to the Rotary International website and donate through them.”*

**Space Needed** – Due to the closing of St. John’s Church, the South Portland Food Cupboard will need to move by June 30, 2013. The unique nature of the Food Cupboard makes it difficult to find space that meets their requirements:

- ✓ At least 4,000 square feet
- ✓ In South Portland
- ✓ Handicapped accessible
- ✓ Ample parking
- ✓ Water, sink, kitchen
- ✓ Bathroom facilities
- ✓ Venting – walk-in freezer
- ✓ Easy access location for clients
- ✓ Low rent!

If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to Sybil Riemensnider (who is feeling better, by the way!).

**I Can't Believe I Won** – Before the winning ticket was drawn, I told Adrienne that I was going to win – and I did! Thanks, Ellie Speh, for the gift certificate to Terra Cotta.

**Avesta Housing** – Our guest speaker was Dana Totman, President & CEO of Avesta Housing, who was accompanied by Avesta's Communications Manager Mindy Woerter. Avesta (which was formerly York-Cumberland Housing Corporation) owns or manages 70 properties in Maine with about 1,900 apartments. Dana described the newest projects, such as the Oak Street Lofts in Portland, as well as some of the more unique projects such as Logan Place (for men) and Florence House (for women), which provide permanent housing for chronically homeless individuals. In Maine, 86,000 households pay more than 50% of their income on housing, and homelessness has increased 20% in the last 3 years. Although these statistics stress the need for low-income housing, unfortunately Avesta's waiting list is 5-6 years.

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