

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 6, 2013

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**March 13** – Club Assembly – e-mail Bob Flynn if there is something in particular that you would like to see on the agenda

**March 20** – Eric Lynes, Red Cross Director Service Director

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>	<u>March 27</u>
Song	Wagner	Waindle	Yerxa
Invocation	Henriksen	Hawes	Hewitt
Raffle Gift	Tranfaglia	Usinger	Waindle
Conductor	Yerxa	York	Anderson

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**March 12** – Soup Kitchen

## *What's New With Our Members*

*There are lots of birthdays in the coming week, so Happy Birthday to:*

*St. Patrick's Day - Nancy Hawes & Mike McGovern*

*March 18 - Paul Butler*

*March 19 - Cyndie Santos & Jon Talty*

*Buon Viaggio to Kathy Ray as she heads to Italy to visit Megan*

*Welcome back from Florida, Anne Swift-Kayatta, and congratulations to Bill who was sworn in as a federal judge on March 8*

*Anne is trading places with Alec Livingston, who is heading to Florida for 6 weeks - have fun!*

**Check Your Foundation Giving Online** – Frank reminds us that you can go online and see a record of all your Rotary Foundation donations – not just this year but going back many years. In order to access it, go to Member Access up in the corner of the RI website. You will need the following:

1. your member number from the label of your Rotarian magazine
2. our club number: **6316**
3. our district number: **7780**

**Who's that guy in the striped shirt?** – He was the winner of the Amazon gift certificate donated by Jon Talty. And shame on the bulletin editor for not remembering that his name is **DOUG SCHAUF** – Congratulations, Doug!!!!

**P.S. to Last Week's Raffle News** – Apparently Dan Davidson got some grief about winning the raffle when he didn't stay for the meeting, so his guilty conscience or peer pressure or maybe just a magnanimous spirit inspired him to sell off the gift certificate that he won and donate the proceeds to Happy Dollars – Thanks, Dan!

**Sustainable Landscape Architecture** – Our speaker this week was our own Catherine Callahan of Callahan + Lebleu (“Lebleu” is Catherine’s husband Bret). Catherine has a master’s degree in landscape architecture from Cornell, specializing in sustainable landscapes. Much of what sustainable landscape architecture involves is making disturbed sites more ecologically friendly by using native plants, eliminating the use of chemicals and providing habitat. One of the most common “disturbed sites” is the typical homeowner’s yard. Striking facts about this are that homeowners use more chemicals than farmers, and mowing the lawn for one hour typically uses as much fuel as driving a car for 5 hours.

One of the quickly growing trends is for green roofs – on a hot summer day a typical roof can be 90 degrees hotter than the air, but a green roof is actually a few degrees cooler. Catherine closed with these guidelines for improving sustainability:

1. Reduce lawn.
2. Use organic lawn care practices
3. Choose plants for site conditions
4. Choose native plants
5. Care for soil organically (e.g. bark mulch rather than fertilizer)
6. Create habitat
7. Use sustainable materials
8. Save the Rain – reduce run-off
9. Decrease impervious surfaces
10. Increase pervious surfaces (plants are best)

**Children's Garden Update** – In the Q&A at the end of Catherine’s talk, Catherine (who is on the Fort Williams Arboretum Committee) indicated that the Children’s Garden is in the design phase, and construction is expected to start in 2014.

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