TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth May 15, 2013

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 22 – Karen Carberry Warhola – Who, What, Where, When and How of the Maine Film Commission

May 29 – Auburn Manufacturing

ASSIGNMENTS

	May 22	May 29	June 5
Song	Carson	Conroy	Cotter
Invocation	Meyers	A. Murphy	B. Murphy
Raffle Gift	Callahan	Carson	Conroy
Conductor	Cotter	Danielson	Danois

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 15 – Family Fun Day! Scott will be sending an email about sign-ups.

June 29 – Ft. Williams Arboretum Garden Party, 402 Pulpit Rock Rd, Cape Elizabeth (see Ellie Speh to sign up as a volunteer)

July 28 – Rotary Spring Point 5k Classic. Proceeds to go to South Portland Food Cupboard, Judy's Pantry, Homeless Veterans, and Bug Light.

What's New With Our Members

Thanks to Michele Danois and other Red Cross volunteers for their work with those in Lewiston left homeless by the recent fires.

Condolences to anyone who missed the May 15 meeting, because it was the most fun meeting of the year. Not to mention the best music we've had in a long time, thanks to Catherine C and Bill D for the song, the Portland Rotarians for their lovely singing voices (mostly) and their rousing recording of Schooner Fare's song about OUR lighthouse!

<u>Raffle</u> - Frank Butterworth donated a gift certificate to Scratch Bakery, won by Anamaria.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> – due to time constraints we didn't get a report of the names of those who helped out, but whoever you are, thanks for your help in serving **329 meals!**

<u>VA2k Walker & Rollers</u> – Participants from our club included:

Ellie Speh

Joanie Frustaci

Paul Butler

Joe Conroy

Dan Davidson

Bob Flynn

Doug Schauf

Thanks for helping to make this event happen!

<u>Bus Passes for Veterans</u> – We have heard reports during the year from President Bob and Dan Davidson that one of the agenda items for the Veterans committee has been transportation. Thanks to Tom Meyers' efforts, a bus pass program has been worked out for homeless veterans. The overall program provides a total value of more than \$600, most of it donated by our club, and will provide 345 one-way trips for veterans throughout the region.

Thanks to the South Portland Bus Service, METRO, and Shuttlebus-ZOOM, a system has been established to provide a variety of bus passes. These will be given to officials of the Veterans Administration who will determine how best to manage and distribute these passes.

The Rotary effort includes: 25 one-way passes for the ZOOM Turnpike Express (Biddeford/Saco to Portland and return); two 10-ride tickets for the Intercity Shuttlebus (Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach through Scarborough and Maine Med, the Maine Mall, and Congress Street in Portland and return); 100 METRO one-ride tickets and five METRO ten-ride tickets (Westbrook, Portland, Falmouth, with free transfers to South Portland); 100 South Portland Bus one-ride tickets and five ten-ride punch tickets (South Portland with free transfers to all METRO destinations noted earlier).

Thanks to Dan, Tom, Bob and the rest of the Veterans committee for seeing the need and finding a way to fill it.

GUILTY!!!!!

To pay us back for taking over their meeting in December, the Portland Rotary Club, led by their President Cyrus Hagge, invaded our club last night. Not only did they invade our club, but they put the town of Cape Elizabeth on trial for stealing THEIR lighthouse. They rudely interrupted the meeting with picket signs declaring

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The Light is Our Right
We're Seekin' Our Beacon

With Paul Gore as the judge, prosecutor Cyrus made the case before the jury of Portland Rotarians and Mike McGovern. Defense attorney Bill Blount was pitifully unsuccessful in his defense of the town. Prosecution witnesses Juliana L'Heureux, Roxanne Cole, Tom Ranello, Jim Willey, Laura Young and their mapologist (I didn't catch his name) trotted out fake documents, purported red clauses (Red Claws), insults of Cape Elizabeth, heartrending pictures of children, and the classic "trust me on this" to convince the gullible jury of the town's guilt.

Despite the guilty verdict, Cape Elizabethans should take heart – Mike McGovern assured us that the deed to the lighthouse is firmly in the town's possession.

Thanks to Bob and Cyrus and all the visitors from Portland for all the fun they brought to our club.

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