

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 12, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 19 – Tree Sale & WinterFest celebration at Tony Wagner's

February 26 – Maine Island Trails Association

ASSIGNMENTS

| | <u>February 26</u> | <u>March 5</u> | <u>March 12</u> |
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| Song | Rogers | Russell | Schauf |
| Invocation | Butterworth | Callahan | Carson |
| Raffle Gift | Phillips | Ray | Redman |
| Conductor | Roberts | Rogers | Russell |

(Please remember to check your duties!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 18 – Open House from 5 -8 at Partners for World Health at their new warehouse at 212 Broadway in South Portland.

February 19 – We will be celebrating the tree sale and WinterFest with a potluck at the home of Tony Wagner and Sally Campbell (in lieu of meeting at Purpoodock). Adults \$10 each – children are free – we encourage you to bring the whole family.

February 22 (Saturday) – Our District celebrates World Understanding and Peace Day with a Frugal Feast at Woodfords Church in Portland. Although billed as “frugal,” it promises to be delicious nonetheless, with the chef being the District Governor for 2015-16, Sheila Rollins. See District website for more information.

March 6 (Thursday) – Red Claws game. Tickets are just \$10 apiece (normally \$15!) – bring the whole family! Please go online to sign up or contact Ellie to let her know how many tickets you want.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to David Lourie (Feb. 21) and Jason Seymour (Feb. 24)

Congratulations to Marge Barker, who will be our District Governor in 2016-17!

Congratulations to Everyone involved in WinterFest - it was a big success and a lot of fun!!!!

Welcome, Ray! – tonight we welcomed our newest member Ray Healey. Ray is a retired public educator who lives in Cape Elizabeth with his wife Susan. What you really need to know about Ray is that despite having lived in New York, he is a Red Sox fan. Welcome, Ray!

Soup Kitchen – thank you to the following who gave up wining and dining at the Portland Sunrise MCCP auction at DiMillo's to serve at the Soup Kitchen:

Alec Livingston

Matt Dube

Phil Dube

Jon Talty

Paul Butler

Dick Yerxa

Joe Conroy

Bill York – who actually cooked in his coat and tie so he could go to DiMillo's afterward.

Raffle – Sybil won the raffle prize, although I'm not sure what it was or who donated it.

Help for Homeless Veterans – Thanks to Dan Davidson and Past President Bob Flynn, our club has become much more aware of the fact that homeless veterans exist and what we can do to help them. Our club's Veterans Committee has led our club's efforts in providing beds, bus passes, housewarming baskets and bicycles; the committee consists of:

Dan Davidson (Chair)

Tom Meyers

Bob Flynn

Randy Smith

Doug Schauf

Paul Butler

Joe Conroy

The committee has been working closely with tonight's speaker, Susan Whittington, who directs the VA's Homeless Veterans Program in Togus. Susie said that the number of veterans in the Oxford Street shelter in Portland has gone from routinely being 40-60 per night 5 years ago to only 9 – 15 today. Susie talked about the challenges these men (and occasionally a few women) face and how the VA helps them. Look for emails from Dan which will let us know how we can contribute items for housewarming baskets for veterans who are going from being homeless to having their own

apartment – but it’s an empty apartment. Just giving them simple things like a shower curtain and a coffeepot will really help them to get settled.

Guess Who’s Been Coloring! – Frank Butterworth put his skills he learned in Kindergarten to use and made for us a PIE CHART! This chart showed us that our club has accomplished 85% of our Annual Fund goal, and 51% of our EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal. Remember the amount does not matter in order to be counted – just that you give something.

And from The Rotary Foundation: In an update email the Rotary Foundation announced some news which will ensure that projects like the ones described in last week’s bulletin will continue into the future – unfortunately it was not accompanied by a pie chart:

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ANNUAL GIVING HAS INCREASED 8% WORLDWIDE FROM THIS TIME A YEAR AGO – PUTTING US WELL ON OUR WAY TO ACHIEVING OUR VISIONARY US \$120 MILLION GOAL! IF, TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL FOUNDATION’S WORK, WE WILL REACH A NEW ALL-TIME RECORD IN GIVING! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

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