TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth February 26, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 5 – Club Assembly. Please let any Board member know if there is something you'd like to add to the agenda. Two topics to be discussed are fundraisers and the internal budget.

March 12 – speaker from the American Red Cross.

March 19 – Potluck at South Portland Food Cupboard. \$10 per person. Come see Sybil's new digs!

ASSIGNMENTS

	March 5	March 12	March 19
Song	Russell	Schauf	Seymour
Invocation	Callahan	Carson	Conroy
Raffle Gift	Ray	Redman	Riemensnider
Conductor	Rogers	Russell	Santos

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 6 (Thursday) – Note that the Red Claws game has been cancelled.

March 11 – Soup Kitchen

March 14 (**Friday**) – What we've all been waiting for... Poker Night! At Chris & Ellie Speh's house. Whether you're serious about cards or just like to eat, drink and laugh, come and have a fun evening of fellowship. Jim Russell will be providing details.

What's New With Our Members

Congratulations to the South Portland Sunrise Club for a VERY successful "Stuff the Bus" on Saturday, Feb. 22, which benefitted: Judy's Pantry

First Congregational Church Food Pantry SMCC Food Pantry South Portland Food Cupboard

Happy Birthday to Dick Yerxa (3/5) and Dan Mooers (3/11)

Happy Anniversary to Tom & Martí Meyers (3/9).

<u>A Blessing for Rotarians</u> – we don't normally publish the invocation but this week's was too good not to repeat – thanks to Frank Butterworth for his creativity:

God bless Rotarians, they're a hell of a bunch! They gather for breakfast, dinner and lunch. No task is too large, or problem too small. When mankind needs help, they answer the call. Eradicating polio, one dose at a time, Even though this whole process is a real uphill climb. Water wells and schools, or where angry storms swirled. Thank God for Rotarians, for they'll help save the world!

And Amen to that !!!!

<u>Raffle</u> – Founding member Dick Yerxa won a gift certificate to the Good Table donated by Bill Phillips.

Kayak for Safe Passage Kids: A Grandmother's Solo Paddling Expedition from Maine to Guatemala

Past District Governor (2011-12) Deb Walters from the Rotary Club of Unity, Maine will be paddling over 2,500 miles, beginning July 13 and taking almost a year to get from Portland, Maine to Guatemala City. Why?

- > To tell the story of the children living in the Guatemala City garbage dump community;
- To share how inspiring the mothers are who labor with grit and perseverance for a better life for their children;
- To talk about the success of the Safe Passage model school that fosters critical thinking, self-sufficiency and confidence;
- > To raise funds for additional grades for the school.

Deb plans to kayak about 3 days a week and on her off days will speak to Rotary clubs and other groups about her trip and Safe Passage. She will be hugging the east coast of the United States to Key West and then will hitch a ride on a friend's sailboat to Belize. Deb's first stop after her send-off from East End Beach will be at Maiden Cove in Cape Elizabeth – if anyone has any suggestions for where Deb could camp & store her kayak for the night, please contact Ellie.

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