

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 8, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

January 15 – Club Assembly re WinterFest (back at Purpoodock)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>
Song	Redman	Riemensnider	Roberts
Invocation	Barker	Britt	Butler
Raffle Gift	A Murphy	B Murphy	Mutty
Conductor	Ray	Redman	Riemensnider

(Please remember to check your duties!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 14 – Soup Kitchen

January 31 – February 1 – WinterFest!!

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Chuck Redman (1/15) and Jack Roberts (1/16)

Happy Anniversary to Doug and Dana Schauf (1/21)

Congratulations to Sybil and her crew for a successful move of the Food Cupboard.

Thanks to Bill Daviero and Kathy Ray for leading us in one of our best efforts at singing (Yellow Submarine)!

Congratulations (?) to Marc Mutty who had his debut as secretary, and found out what a lonely job it is.

And finally, we said this before but it bears repeating, a huge THANK YOU to Peter Cotter, who put in more hours at the tree lot than any club member, and who was instrumental not only in the success of the tree sale, but in the transition of four young men into productive lives.

Congratulations to Zach Hindall, graduate of CEHS and recipient of one of our club's scholarships for graduating seniors. Zach is now a freshman at Ithaca College majoring in Theater Production Arts (and loving it!). He joined us at tonight's meeting with his mom Karen, who is a former Rotary Youth Exchange student.

And Congratulations to the Shriners Hospitals and the Rotary Foundation for being the top vote-getters in United Airlines' ten million miles giveaway. I couldn't find the actual vote count on the United website but Rotary and the Hospitals were neck and neck up until the deadline – and it doesn't really matter which had more votes in the end because the miles are distributed based on the percentage of votes received.

From the RETIRED Secretary: I've been surprised a few times in my life, but the surprise on the 18th of December really caught me off guard. Kathy Ray greeted me before 5:30, and I thought nothing of it. Two spouses drifted in, and Claudette told me that Phil owed her "a night out." When Sally came in, that didn't raise any eyebrows either!! Now maybe if a dozen or so spouses had come in, I would have suspected that the Christmas party planned by Ellie wasn't going to happen.

What a night. One of my daughters, two of my grandchildren from Windham and my wife came walking through the hall door, and I was speechless. I had already asked some of the guys to save me a seat at the back of the room. And when it was time for me to sit down, they told me that my seat was no longer available. Did you see me hesitate, as I didn't know who to sit with!!

I enjoyed all of the "presentations" that people gave which were outlined in the last newsletter. Many, many thanks to all of you and to President Ellie who allowed this all to happen and to Kathy Ray who pulled it off.

Raffle Rick Dobson won a gift certificate to J.P. Thornton's donated by Ellie.

Colonel Paul McKenney, former member of our club and now a Rotarian in Phoenix, Arizona, was not only a welcome guest but our speaker. He gave a fascinating talk about the history of Afghanistan, from urbanization in 3,000 B.C. through tribal feuding, to Alexander the Great, to Genghis Khan, to British and Russian domination, to US involvement, to the Taliban, to the present day. Paul went to Afghanistan in 2011 with a team of Canadians to help the Afghan Army with officer training procedures. Paul's philosophy coincides with a paraphrase of T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) that it is better for them to do something tolerably than for us to do it for them.

Polio Recap – Past District Governor Ann Lee Hussey shared this information on the status of polio eradication as of mid-December:

- In Afghanistan, no indigenous cases of wild poliovirus have occurred all year - all cases are linked to cross-border transmission with neighboring Pakistan.
- In Nigeria, poliovirus is increasingly geographically restricted - primarily to Kanod and Borno states. Over the past 4 months, only four cases have occurred in the country, despite the onset of the rainy season (the “high season” for polio transmission).
- The Horn of Africa outbreak is on the decline, including in Banadir, Somalia, the “engine” of the outbreak (no cases since July).
- A cross-regional emergency approach is being implemented in the Middle East.
- In Pakistan, the main reservoir area is Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), in particular North Waziristan. During the “high season” in the past four months, 52 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported from FATA, with evidence of widespread geographic transmission across the country. Areas within Pakistan are being re-infected, as is neighboring Afghanistan, and the outbreak in the Middle East originated in Pakistan.

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