

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 22, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 29 – NO Meeting – Club Visioning instead on April 30

May 6 – Craig Gorris – General Manager of Maine Mall

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>
Invocation	Carson	Cotter	Daniels
Raffle Gift	Redman	Riemensnider	Roberts
Conductor	Roberts	Rogers	Russell

A gift certificate to Applebees donated by Bill Phillips was won by...Bill Phillips. Bill apparently hasn't heard of the "One-Way Test" (is it good for me?) and allowed another winner to be drawn – Phil Dube.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 24-26 – District Conference, Wentworth-by-the-Sea, New Castle, NH. Catherine and Anamaria's team will be presenting on Saturday morning.

April 30 – Club Visioning, 5-9 at First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, SP (aka Meeting House Hill). Entrance to church parking lot is on Sawyer. As you face the church from the parking lot, enter the door to your left – signs inside will direct you where to go from there. Supper from Anania's will be provided.

May 5 & 6 – CE and SP Public Works Luncheons – if you have signed up to help, Tom Meyers will be in touch with you concerning logistics.

May 8, 2 p.m. – Service celebrating the life of Wilma Redman (Chuck's mom) at UNE

May 16 – Kite Festival and Open House at Bug Light – sign up to help on the website.

June 2 (tentative) – Senior Citizens Luncheon at McKernan Center

What's New With Our Members

Get well wishes to Edie Davidson as she recovers at home from knee replacement.

Bug Light Signs – The beautiful interpretive plaques which will be installed in Bug Light were on display at our meeting again this week. A big thanks to the committee who worked on these:

Jack Roberts
Catherine Callahan
Bill Anderson
Sue Sturtevant
Elyse Tipton

Crossing Cultural Barriers – Our table at dinner this week got to hear some of the details of Catherine's and Anamaria's trip to Bulgaria – Bill York will be scheduling them to speak to the club about their trip soon. In recognition of the amazing work that Rotary does in breaking down barriers and truly bringing world understanding, Catherine shared this quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. as the invocation:

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Thank You– Kathy shared two thank you letters the club received recently. One was from the Thomas Memorial Library thanking us for our ongoing contributions and most recently our \$400 donation which was used to purchase 20 children's books. The other was from the VA thanking us for our gift of queen size bedding sets.

“Happy Healthy Animals” – That's the motto of Down Home Farm, owned by our speaker Nick Tamaro. Although Nick has a full-time job as owner of Tamaro Landscaping and Property Services, he loves farming and somehow finds time to raise cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys and goats on “his” farm in Cape Elizabeth. I put “his” in quotation marks because unlike nearly every other farmer in Maine, Nick did not grow up on a farm and does not own farmland. He has a gentleman's agreement arrangement with Nate Maxwell to farm on the Maxwell land, thus ensuring that the land does not become developed. Nick's love of farming began at age 13 as a 4-H'er when he raised a pig in his backyard. He moved on to cows and other animals while still in his teens, borrowing other people's land to raise them on. Nick's is a remarkable story of persistence and passion for farming – we wish him much success.

Remember the Foundation – the trip to Bulgaria mentioned above, along with thousands of other projects aimed at improving the human condition, were made possible through our Rotary Foundation. Through the good stewardship of Rotarians just like us (and the oversight of Mike

McGovern and his fellow Trustees), the Rotary Foundation has consistently received outstanding ratings from Charity Navigator – most recently 4 stars out of 4, and a score of 92.45. If you haven't made your donation yet for this Rotary year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) please consider making your donation and being counted.

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