

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 10, 2014

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 17 – Club Assembly

December 24 & 31 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays!

January 7 – Helen Brena, CEO, YMCA of Southern Maine (Meeting AT YMCA, NOT PURPOODOCK!)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Dec. 17</u>	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>
Invocation	Swift-Kayatta	Talty	Tipton
Raffle Gift	Dube	Frustaci	Gonzalez
Conductor	Frustaci	Gonzalez	Hawes

The raffle gift this week was a gift certificate for an oil change (didn't catch who donated it). The winner (me) didn't need it because she just bought a new car (after only 12 years – Merry Christmas to me!) so it was auctioned off to John LoBosco in exchange for a donation to The Rotary Foundation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 7 – Board Meeting

January 13 – Soup Kitchen

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

Dave Bagdasarian (12/19)

Rick Dobson (12/23)

Jim Britt (12/28)

Kathy Cotter (12/28)

Anne Swift-Kayatta (New Year's Eve)

Randy Smith (1/2)

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Shirley Mooers (New Year's Eve)

We'll miss you, to Ellie Speh & Bob Flynn, both of whom are taking 6-month leaves of absence.

Thank you to Sue Sturtevant and John LoBosco for creating the Rotary Christmas tree worker tree ornaments, and for raising \$240 for The Rotary Foundation!

WELCOME BACK, FRANK, who attended the Dec. 10 meeting and has also started selling trees!

A huge thank you to Peter Cotter whose presence allowed the involuntary volunteers from the county to help us for many hours at the tree lot this past weekend, as well as at the two tree unloadings.

Speaking of Trees – If you are working a shift with several customers, please make sure that the chain saw is cleaned. There are tools in the trailer underneath the bulletin board for cleaning out the chips – UNPLUG IT FIRST!! Also the oil needs to be checked periodically (check oil level in the window on the side of the red chain saw) – oil is in a white jug in the trailer.

Why We Do It – President Kathy announced two of the recent donations approved by the Board. We are donating \$500 to the program in Zambia that Lonnie Hackett spoke to us about recently – as a reminder, the program provides school-based health screenings and health education to teachers in 50 public schools serving impoverished children. We are also donating \$250 to the American Red Cross in Caribou to benefit a family affected by a deadly fire.

Tax Deduction Time – Although our Rotary year does not end until June 30, December is a good time to make your annual donation to The Rotary Foundation since for most folks it would give them a tax deduction for 2014. If you give your donation to Sue Sturtevant or Nancy Hawes by December 22, we will make sure that it is mailed in by the end of December.

Serving Soup – Note that in January the Portland Rotary Club will be assigned to their own night so we will be on our own from now on. Helping this month were:

Bill Daviero

David Lourie

Tony Wagner

Paul Butler

Dick Yerxa

Joe Conroy

2 CEHS students & 3 SPS students

Cooperative Extension – Our speakers this week were Board member of the Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County– Lynn Rutter (President) and Ed Anderson. Many of us didn't know that the Cooperative Extension had moved from the USM campus to a new building behind Wal-Mart in Falmouth. Lynn and Ed spoke of the many programs of the Cooperative Extension, including the Tidewater Farm demonstration garden, the Maine Harvest for Hungry program (in which farmers grow one extra row of food to donate to food pantries), soil testing, education classes, Eat Well (which aims to improve the diets of people with “food insecurity”), Food Corps (a program to combat childhood obesity by teaching kids about healthy eating) and 4-H. It seems that 4-H is not like we remember it - I learned to cook and sew in 4-H but today students are learning all about math, science and technology (STEM) in 4-H. Volunteers are needed in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth to help with 4-H so if you have any interest, contact Lynn for more information (lynn.rutter321@gmail.com).

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