

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 25, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 4 – Nick Tammaro, owner of Tammaro Landscaping

March 11 – Mason Smith, China Today

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>
Invocation	Anderson	D Bagdasarian	F. Bagdasarian
Raffle Gift	LoBosco	Lourie	McGovern
Conductor	Lourie	McGovern	Meyers

Lucky President Kathy was the winner of an LL Bean gift certificate donated by Alec Livingston. (If you're keeping track, Kathy also won 2 weeks ago.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 10 – Soup Kitchen

March 28 – District Assembly, York County Community College – see article below.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Dick Yerxa (March 5)

Happy Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers (March 9)

Get Well Wishes to Dan Mooers following a fall that left him pretty banged up.

Our condolences to Stella Patten and the family of Past District Governor Bob Patten (1991-1992). Bob was the sponsor of Rick Dobson when he was in the Portland club prior to moving south of the bridge.

Assemble! In ballet that means jump and land with your feet together, but to Rotarians it means to come together as a District to prepare for the upcoming Rotary year. This year's District Assembly will be on Saturday morning, March 28 at York County Community College in Wells. While incoming Board members and committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend, all Rotarians are invited and will assuredly learn something and enjoy the fellowship. This year's programs offers 3 breakout sessions with 6 different topics for each session – a total of 18 topics to choose from! Our club will pay the registration for anyone who wants to attend (registration fee includes continental breakfast) so please do not pay when you register – just indicate that our club will be sending one check to cover all of us. Registration is available on the District website.

World Peace and Understanding Dinner – the Facts. Our club was well represented at the dinner on Monday night:

- Marge Barker (emcee)
- Kathy Cotter (delivered the welcome)
- Mike McGovern (introduced keynote speaker Rick King)
- John LoBosco
- Sybil Riemensnider
- Alison & Justin Carignan
- Dan & Shirley Mooers
- Nancy Hawes

Rick gave a very inspirational speech that made us all proud to be Rotarians. This was followed by the District Governor's recognition of new members who have been active in their clubs; our club was well represented by Ali Carignan.

World Peace and Understanding Dinner – the Editorial. A friend of mine used to be the president of the Presque Isle Rotary Club and was traveling to PETS in New Brunswick with a fellow president-elect. The customs agent asked what they were taking with them (“nothing”), and they afterwards remarked that they should have responded “a sense of obligation and lukewarm enthusiasm.” This hit a nerve with me because I'm afraid that's what I bring to a lot of Rotary events. That's why I was so pleased that our fellow Rotarian Ali Carignan was recognized this week – Ali brings HEARTY enthusiasm to everything she does and is a great role model for the rest of us.

Another Timely and Relevant Program – Last week's program about Preble Street Resource Center was followed up this week by a program by Amy Stanley, Executive Director of Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSMM). Turns out the two programs overlap – SARSMM works closely with the Teen Center operated by Preble Street. SARSMM provides a 24-hour hotline, support groups, advocates, funding for emergency temporary housing for victims and prevention programs in schools. All services provided by SARSMM are free of charge. Her presentation was followed by a very thought-provoking question and answer session. The organization's goal is to put itself out of business through preventive programs – we wish them success!

Remember your Discretionary Voucher – Part of our club budget includes \$50 per member to spend as they choose in a charitable manner. (The idea originated with President Kathy’s husband Peter when he was president.) People have used their vouchers in a variety of ways, for example:

- ✓ Helping someone that you know of who has unexpected medical bills that they can’t afford;
- ✓ Donating to a charity of your choice;
- ✓ Donating to one of the programs that our club supports.

You can use your voucher one of 2 ways:

- ask Nancy Irving to write a check to the recipient, or
- write a check to the recipient directly yourself and ask Nancy to reimburse you (sometimes easier if you are adding your own funds as well).

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