

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 18, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 25 – Amy Stanley, Sexual Assault Response Services

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>February 25</u>	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>
Invocation	York	Anderson	D Bagdasarian
Raffle Gift	Livingston	LoBosco	Lourie
Conductor	LoBosco	Lourie	McGovern

The raffle gift winner of a gift certificate to Easy Day, donated by Scott Irving, was Bill Phillips.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday, March 2 – SP Sunrise needs a volunteer to read at Dyer School.

What's New With Our Members

(No birthdays or anniversaries the week of February 25!)

Congratulations to Paul Harris Fellow recipients Sybil Riemensnider and Dave Bagdasarian (multiple PHF)!

To Alec and Paul Butler - See you in the spring; we'll save some snow for you!

Welcome home, Frank Butterworth!

Thank you to Doug Schauf, who coordinated the purchase of some TracFones by our club which we donated to the VA (because you can't apply for a job if the employer has no way to reach you!).

We welcomed guest Jack Reckitt of Maine Sign & Display to our meeting this week - Jack has provided the signs for Bug Light and much of the work he has done for us has been pro bono - thanks, Jack!

Where Does Our Rotary Foundation \$\$\$ Go? – For the upcoming Rotary year (2015-16), funds spent by the Foundation will be determined by what we gave in 2012-13. Our District gave \$189,740. Here's how it will be spent:

- \$94,870 (50%) spent by The Rotary Foundation in Evanston (i.e. Mike McGovern's gang) on global grants, peace scholarships, etc.
- \$47,435 (25%) used by our District for Global Grant matches (dollar for dollar match of club \$\$\$)
- \$47,435 (25%) spent by our District as we see fit. This translates to
 - \$38,435 for Community Grants (awarded by our District to clubs for their local or international service projects)
 - \$9,000 for a cultural exchange project similar to the trip Anamaria and Catherine are going on to Bulgaria

Turning Hunger and Homelessness into Opportunity and Hope – That's what Preble Street Resource Center does, and our guest speaker this week was Executive Director Mark Swann, who has been there for 24 years. The Center's mission is "to provide accessible barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty; and to advocate for solutions to these problems." Mark could have described all their programs and services, such as

- 3 Soup Kitchens (365 days/year!)
- Food Pantry
- Teen Center and Shelter
- Drop-in Resource Center
- Florence House – apartments and emergency shelter for women
- Logan Place – apartments for chronically homeless adults
- Veterans Housing Services
- Clinical Intervention Program

But instead he focused on why they do it. Here is a quote from one of the flyers he brought to the meeting about why they do it:

"I found myself lost and cold walking the streets, not knowing where to go. I seen a man coming out from behind a dumpster, carrying a bag of food. I had to let pride go. I told him I was hungry.

"He told me to go to the dumpster after they close, when they throw the food away. I went and found some fresh food. My hunger was gone. I was still cold and did not have a safe place to sleep.

"I found some cardboard and made it soft by bending and wrinkling it. Under a bridge nervous and scared I got through the night."

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