TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth March 18, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 25 - Club Assembly

April 1 – Day One

April 8 – Peter Nielsen, Circus Conservatory

ASSIGNMENTS

	March 25	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 8</u>
Invocation	Barker	Britt	Butterworth
Raffle Gift	Meyers	Miller	Murphy
Conductor	Miller	Murphy	Phillips

Bill Daviero was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to Rudy's donated by Mike McGovern.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 28 – District Assembly, York County Community College – please let Kathy Cotter know if you have an interest in attending.

March 30 – Deadline for discounted hotel rooms at District Conference

April 18 (Saturday) at 10 a.m. – Memorial Service for Past District Governor Bob Patten at First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland

April 24-26 – District Conference, Wentworth-by-the-Sea, New Castle, NH. Register on District 7780 website.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Elyse Tipton (March 25)

Happy Anniversary to David and Robbi Rogers (March 28)

Our condolences to Dan Mooers, whose sister Darolyn Johnson passed away on March 12.

<u>Discretionary Fund</u> – If you haven't used your annual \$50 discretionary allowance, Tom Meyers knows of an elderly widow of a fisherman in Cape Elizabeth who could use some assistance – contact Tom if you're interested in using your allowance for this purpose.

<u>Mongolian Health Clinics</u> – The South Portland Sunrise Club's guest this week spoke about a Foundation grant of \$65,000 which was used to obtain equipment valued at over \$700,000 to provide much needed equipment for clinics for mothers and babies in Mongolia. Our club contributed \$500 towards this project. (See article below for another Rotary Foundation project focusing on mothers and babies.)

<u>Foundation Update – Where Do We Stand?</u> – As of this week, almost 75% through the Rotary year, here is where our club stands:

- ✓ Annual Fund \$10,214 (out of a goal of \$11,500) -2^{nd} in the District
- ✓ PolioPlus \$6,746.87 4th in the District
- ✓ Per Capita Giving $$167.44 4^{th}$ in the District

We're a little over halfway on the "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal, so if you haven't given yet this year, please remember to be counted – the amount doesn't matter; only that you give.

<u>Uncle Andy's Makeover</u> – Our guest this week was Dennis Fogg, owner of Uncle Andy's, whose restaurant was featured on "Restaurant Impossible" on the Food Network last summer. Uncle Andy's was chosen because of emails submitted by his 4 children (each not knowing the others were doing it) as well as customers. Dennis was allowed to declare one thing that the designers couldn't touch and it was the horseshoe-shaped counter. The re-modeling process takes 48 hours. You don't see this on TV, but the film crew is followed by a separate crew that fixes and cleans up after the TV crew. Dennis said that things were falling off the walls after the TV crew left! Being a stand-up comedian on the side, Dennis' presentation was of course very entertaining, as well as giving us a behind-the-curtains look at the TV show.

Budget?!?! Bore Snore – It was announced this week that we would be going over the budget at next week's club assembly. Why would anyone want to go learn about something so boring? I just help make the money – I don't care what happens to it. When people ask me what our club does, I just say "we're do-gooders." I leave it up to the Board to decide how to spend the money and I don't care what they spend it on. I know that we raise somewhere between \$500 and \$500,000 but I'm not good with figures and I leave that all up to Nancy Irving. So let's all boycott next week's meeting and let the Board know that we couldn't care less how our club gives back to the community.

<u>Maternal & Child Health</u> – This week's Area of Focus article on Maternal and Child Health was selected in honor of next year's RI President Ravi Ravindram, who lives in Sri Lanka.

Sustaining High-Level Care in Sri Lanka

It has taken Sri Lanka years to rebuild hospitals, schools, and other facilities destroyed by the 2004 tsunami. But Rotarians know that bringing about lasting change comes only with sustained commitment.

Rotarians in Germany and the Helmut Kohl Foundation joined in funding reconstruction of the Mahamodara Maternity Hospital in Galle, Sri Lanka. After the hospital's completion in 2012, Rotary members in Colombo and District 1950 (Germany) provided medical equipment, funded by a \$450,000 Rotary grant. Since then, more than 140,000 babies and 2 million mothers have been treated with the help of the equipment.

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