

TWO LIGHTS

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 1 – Day One

April 8 – Peter Nielsen, Circus Conservatory

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>
Invocation	Britt	Butterworth	Callahan
Raffle Gift	Miller	Murphy	Mutty
Conductor	Murphy	Phillips	Redman

A gift certificate to Verbena donated by Tom Meyers was won by Nancy Irving.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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.

April 30 – Club Visioning, 5-9 at First Congregational Church, SP (aka Meeting House Hill) – see email from Sybil. Supper will be provided.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Jack & Shari Roberts (April 3)

Bon Voyage (or whatever the Bulgarian expression is) to Catherine and Anamaria as they leave for the District's cultural exchange trip to Bulgaria!

Looking Ahead – Although it’s hard to believe that summer will ever come, the following events are not that far away:

- ❖ Public Works Luncheons – May 5 for CE and May 6 for SP
- ❖ Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade – our club will be “marching” in the parade this year.
- ❖ Family Fun Day, June 13 – Let’s have a float in the parade! This is CE’s 250th anniversary and the parade will have a past and future theme to it. Let Kathy know if you have any creative ideas for our float.
- ❖ Theater Night – first week of June.

Money, Money, Money – Despite last week’s (tongue-in-cheek) article about the budget, it turns out club members have a lot of interest in what we spend our money on, and Treasurer Nancy Irving’s presentation led to a lot of discussion. The upshot of the discussion was that we all need to attend the Club Visioning on April 30 (see Sybil’s email to register and for more information) so that club leaders will know how we want our club to serve the community. What are you passionate about – is it veterans? The homeless and hungry? Scholarships? Disaster relief? The elderly? Literacy? No one will know unless you show up and make your voice heard. (If you weren’t there last time, we brainstormed and then we went around the room and “voted” with dot stickers for the projects that we felt the most strongly about.)

Our current year’s budget is broken down this way:

Local	50%
Youth	20%
International	17%
Flexible	13% (Reserved for needs that arise during the year)

Our fundraising used to come almost all from the Christmas tree sale. The tree sale revenue has remained flat for the last several years and now accounts for only half of our budget. Our new fundraisers – Road race, WinterFest, Theater Night – have allowed us to expand our giving.

The Visioning will not just be about how to spend our money or how to raise it – it will also focus on non-monetary aspects of the club – fellowship, membership, etc.

Sybil has volunteered to be the Visioning Results Operations & Oversight Monitor (VROOM) – she will track how our club is progressing on the goals that come out of the Visioning, and remind us if we get off track.

Basic Education & Literacy – This week’s Foundation Area of Focus article points up something that I hadn’t really thought about when it comes to achieving efficiency on shipping costs.

Tablet Technology Brings the World to Students in Fiji

Rotarians and the Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand started an e-learning project in Fiji, donating 70 computer tablets to two schools. The Rotary grant-funded effort was co-sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Taveuni Island, Fiji, and Newmarket, New Zealand.

Kelsi Cox, a Rotary Scholar at the University of Auckland, helped deliver the tablets and train students to use them to learn science and math, and take photos and videos.

“We could bring a library of books to a school,” says Cox, also program coordinator for the Digital Learning Room, a project that advances technology in schools in the South Pacific. “Or, we could bring this tablet technology that is small but holds a world of information that can take people to places far beyond the classroom.”

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