

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 20, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 27 – Club Assembly to discuss results of the Visioning meeting

June 3 – No meeting (attend Theater Night on June 4 instead)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 27</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>
Invocation	Danielson	Danois	Butler
Raffle Gift	Rogers	Russell	Schauf
Conductor	Schauf	Schmidt	Speh

This week's raffle gift certificate to The Good Table - along with a pepper plant – donated by Jack Roberts was won by our speaker Mike McGovern.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 25, Memorial Day – Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade – meet at Community Center parking lot (corner of Route 77 and high school driveway) at 8:30 – you can sign up online – see Kathy's email.

May 31 (Sunday), 9-5 (or whenever you can participate) – District Work Day at Camp Hinds, Raymond. Help is needed in landscaping and finishing the elements used in the RYLA training. Sign up on the District website – or just show up!

June 3 – Senior Citizens Luncheon at McKernan Center

June 4, 7:00 – Theater Night, Hairspray. Members are asked to sell/buy 4 tickets each (see below).

June 9 – Soup Kitchen

June 13 – Family Fun Day (with concert & fireworks in the evening!)

July 8 – Lobster Bake – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 9 (Thursday evening) 6-9 – District cruise on Casco Bay on the Bay Mist to kick off Portland Club's centennial celebration. Tickets are \$40 each – contact Loretta Rowe (lrowe@maine.rr.com) if you're interested.

August 9 – ROAD RACE Online registration is now open at baystateevents.com

What's New With Our Members

Our condolences to the family of former President Dick Pyne.

Happy Birthday to:

David Rogers (May 28)

Michele Danois (May 31)

Rich Daniels (June 4)

Happy Anniversary to:

Kathy & Alan Ray (June 2)

David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)

Congratulations to Mike McGovern on his 30-year anniversary as town manager of Cape Elizabeth!

THIS CLOSE – Our speaker this evening was our own Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee. Mike gave us some insight into the history of Rotary's involvement with polio eradication, revealing the audacity that it took to take on this challenge in the 1980's. At that time, in the 25 years since the polio vaccine had been developed, the incidence of polio had decreased by less than half (from 600,000 cases/year to 350,000 cases per year) – so why would Rotary think that we could eliminate the remaining cases which were in parts of the world with poor healthcare delivery systems! Mike referred to it as nothing less than “amazing and miraculous” that Rotary would have taken on this project. And the results have been nothing less than amazing and miraculous. To think that polio has been eradicated in places like India with widespread poor sanitation, and that we are on the cusp on eradicating polio in the entire continent of Africa, is truly amazing and miraculous. The remaining challenge is Pakistan where 80 polio workers have been killed in the past 3 years. However the government there is becoming more cooperative and Mike revealed that he plans to travel there at the end of June to meet with government officials and especially Rotary leaders. It is amazing to think that one of the club presidents he meets with there may have the very last case of polio ever in their community. Mike has spoken about polio all over the world and it was a rare treat to hear him speak at our own club.

HELP WANTED!! – A coordinator (or two co-coordinators) is needed for the fried dough sale at Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 13. There are step by step directions for what the coordinator needs to do so it is not an overwhelming burden. Please consider taking on this task – let Kathy Cotter or Scott Irving know if you can help out.

Theater Night – If you did not receive your 4 tickets to use/sell at this week’s meeting, Bill York will be getting in touch with you. Prices are not printed on the tickets but are \$30 each. The evening will include food, wine and entertainment in the lobby prior to the show itself (Hairspray). It promises to be a fun evening. Bill also needs a few volunteers for very simple tasks.

Returning the Hospitality – Anamaria and Catherine had the red carpet rolled out for them when they were in Bulgaria. It’s now our turn to return the favor and host the visiting Bulgarian team. Hosts are needed in our area for the nights of June 11, 12 and 13 for 3 men on the team. Please let John LoBosco know if you can serve as a host. Hosting Rotary visitors is a unique treat for your entire household. Also if you have any ideas for things to do/see while they are in the Portland area (besides learning how to make fried dough!) please let John know.

Kite Festival at Bug Light – Despite rain and cold, the Kite Festival was an overwhelming success with fantastic attendance. Our club contributed to the festivities in two ways: guided tours of Bug Light, and an attractive new garden at the entrance which really lets visitors know they’re entering a park. Working in the lighthouse were:

- ✓ Ellie & Chris Speh
- ✓ Phil Dube
- ✓ Jack Roberts
- ✓ Bill Anderson
- ✓ Ali Carignan
- ✓ Kathy Cotter
- ✓ Alec Livingston

Helping with the garden were:

- ✓ Catherine Callahan, who designed the garden
- ✓ Jim Britt
- ✓ Ray Healey
- ✓ Dan McDonald
- ✓ John LoBosco
- ✓ David Lourie
- ✓ Chuck Redman
- ✓ Dick Yerxa
- ✓ Bill York
- ✓ And Lydia Maier along with students from Waynflete.

Thanking Our Club – We had 2 special guests Wednesday night, both of whom came specifically for the sole purpose of thanking our club:

- DG Lawrence Furbish thanked us for all that our club has done this year.
- District Foundation Chair Peter Johnson thanked us for our consistent support of the Rotary Foundation.

Foundation Recognition – Our meeting this week had a Foundation theme, and two people were recognized for their support of the Foundation.

Ellie Goodrich, wife of Past President Wayne Goodrich, was made a Paul Harris Fellow. If you are a new member, you may have heard jokes about Wayne, especially in regards to his obsessive data collection about the tree sale. Wayne was one of the pillars of our club for many years, and Ellie was right by his side helping with mailing the bulletin and trying to rein him in!



Ellie's former next door neighbor (me!) was also recognized as a Major Donor of the Foundation. This mainly means that I've been in the club a really long time! It also means that my observation over the years of the many projects that the Foundation has done to make the world a better place, and the example of people such as Mike McGovern, who are willing to sacrifice so much of their time and energy for the Foundation, makes me want to give generously to the Foundation. It was very special to me to receive this award from Mike in front of our club, along with Lawrence and Peter, as well as the other Major Donors in the club, Tony Wagner and Sally Campbell and Dan Mooers.



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