

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 6, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 13 – Foundation Trivia (cut-throat version?)

May 20 – Michael McGovern, Chair, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee

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

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
Invocation	Cotter	Daniels	Danielson
Raffle Gift	Riemensnider	Roberts	Rogers
Conductor	Rogers	Russell	Schauf

This week's raffle gift certificate to True Value Shopper's Hardware was initially won by donor Chuck Redman, who turned it in to be won by Ellie. This good karma was rewarded when Chuck won the leftover drinks from the Public Works lunches.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 8, 2 p.m. – Service celebrating the life of Wilma Redman (Chuck's mom) at UNE

May 9, morning – mulch spreading at new garden at the entrance to Bug Light Park

May 12 – Soup Kitchen – HELP WANTED!!!!

May 16 – Kite Festival and Open House at Bug Light – a few slots left to be filled. Also we will be doing planting at the entrance garden at 10 a.m.

May 25, Memorial Day – Let's have a parade! President Kathy will be sending out an email with information about marching together to represent Rotary in the Cape Elizabeth parade.

June 3 – Senior Citizens Luncheon at McKernan Center

June 4, 7:00 – Theater Night, Hairspray

August 9 – ROAD RACE! Online registration is now open – hurry to be one of the first 10,000!

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Bill York (May 14)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia (May 19)

Back in the Pink of Health - welcome back, Joe Conroy & Jim Britt!

Back with a Tan from Florida - welcome home, Paul Butler!

Thanks to Catherine Callahan for designing the garden at the entrance to Bug Light Park.

Every Rotarian Every Year! – Past District Governor Carolyn Johnson attended our meeting this week to present our club with a banner recognizing us for 100% participation in donating to the Foundation last year (2013-14). Accepting the banner were 2013-14 President Ellie Spoh, along with Foundation co-chairs Frank Butterworth and Nancy Hawes. Congratulations to all of us!



More Congratulations to Us! – President Kathy showed us the District Governor’s Award which we received at the District Conference for meeting all the criteria set forth by District Governor Lawrence.

Thanks for Plowing, Mowing, etc.! (contributed by Tom Meyers) - The Public Works and Parks Department staff from the Town of Cape Elizabeth and City of South Portland appreciated the recognition luncheons the Club hosted for them on Tuesday and Wednesday. Kathy Cotter represented us well in describing our purpose in providing a special occasion for them. Kathy Ray, Town Council Chair in Cape Elizabeth and Mayor Linda Cohen in South Portland were effusive in praising the dedication and hard work of these crews during a significant winter storm season...and also thanked Rotary for recognizing their efforts.

The luncheons were coordinated by Tom Meyers. Thanks are due to the Club members who acted as hosts and served our special guests: Cape Elizabeth: Jim Britt, Bill Daviero, Nancy Hawes (with apron), Marge Barker, and Kathy Cotter. South Portland: Fran Bagdasarian, Bob Flynn, Scott Irving, Paul Butler, Joan Frustaci (also with apron), Alec Livingston, and Kathy Cotter.



Thank You’s – Kathy shared thank you notes the club has received from:

The VA – for our donation of 8-piece cookware sets

CEHS – for our donation to send students to a Peace Jam – the event inspired the students to start an anti-bullying program

The Maine Mall – Our speaker this week, was Craig Gorris, Senior General Manager of the mall. Craig brought some pictures of the mall over the past 40+ years, and read a newspaper article written about the mall just before it opened. When it opened, the mall had 40 stores on 16 acres; it now has over 100 stores on 100 acres. The mall brought in \$300 million in sales last year from 8 million customers. It does very well compared to other malls in the country – its sales/sq. foot were \$600, vs. a national average of \$400-450. The Maine Mall is unique in that it has two major selling seasons – in addition to the pre-Christmas shoppers, the mall also draws in

a lot of business from tourists and summer residents during the summer. One of the challenges of managing the mall is that it is owned by 3 different companies, and not all of them have the same level of interest in maintaining the property. Craig shared his ideas for stores/restaurants he would like to attract to the mall. One of the coming attractions will be Carmax, which will be leasing the land across the street (where the cinema used to be).

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