

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 24, 2014

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**October 1** – Dr. Doug Dransfield, Physicians for Social Responsibility

**October 8** – Josh Davis, Gelato Fiasco

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>
Invocation	Murphy	Phillips	Redman
Raffle Gift	Carignan	Carson	Conroy
Conductor	Carson	Conroy	Daniels

*This week's raffle gift, a gift certificate to Fiddlehead Florists donated by Catherine Callahan, was won by Bill Phillips – see how he can use it below.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**October 1** – Board Meeting

**October 5, Sunday** – “Applecycle” ride to benefit the Community Bicycle Center, Bunganut Pond, Lyman (62, 30 and 17 mile options) – “the best ride pick of the fall season” - register at [www.bikeapplecycle.com](http://www.bikeapplecycle.com)

**October 14** – Soup Kitchen

**October 18** – Rotary Leadership Institute, 7:30 – 3:30, Lewiston Auburn College

**October 25 & 26** – Polio Dine-Around – sign up online or just tell Nancy H or Sue S your intentions

## *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Birthday (and Get Well!) to Frank Butterworth (October 1)*

*Happy Birthday to Cap'n Lloyd Knight - October 5*

*Happy Anniversary to Bill & Colleen Phillips (and now you have no excuse for not giving her flowers) - October 6*

**Get Well, Frank!** – Debbie reports that Frank is mending but in a lot of pain. They are all set on outdoor chores (but Debbie will let us know if any more come up) but it would be very helpful if we could provide dinners. Ellie Speh has offered to coordinate so if you would like to help out with providing a meal, please contact Ellie. Frank is not quite up to receiving visitors yet but would really appreciate emails and cards.

Ellie: [elliespeh@yahoo.com](mailto:elliespeh@yahoo.com)

Frank: [fbutterw@gmail.com](mailto:fbutterw@gmail.com)

Debbie: [dbutterw.maine.rr.com@gmail.com](mailto:dbutterw.maine.rr.com@gmail.com)

**SPHS & CEHS Interact Clubs** – We were delighted to have as our guests this week student leaders and advisers of our local Interact clubs:

#### SPHS

Adviser – Jennifer Major

Marty Bushey

VP Janey Blackwell-Orr

Secy Krystal Nevells

(Rotary Club liaison = Mike Tranfaglia)

#### CEHS

Advisers – Chris Newell & Courtney Ferrell

Co-President Claire Zimmerman

(Rotary Club liaison = Tony Wagner)

It sounds like both clubs are *extremely* busy – here are a couple of representative activities:

SPHS – A few nights ago members of the club “babysat” with students at Brown School while their parents were in meetings with teachers.

CEHS – The Interact club has a mentoring program for new and exchange students – as part of that program they will distribute CEHS t-shirts (purchased with money donated by our club) to new students to help them feel like they fit in (what a great idea!!).

I think everyone was quite impressed and encouraged by hearing what these high school students are up to – we look forward to working with them at the tree lot!

**RYLA** – A continuous theme in the Interact students’ presentations was what an impact RYLA had made on them. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) in our district is an outdoor camping experience where students learn confidence and leadership skills. It is held at the end of

June at Camp Hinds (the Boy Scouts camp) for students who have completed their sophomore year of high school. We heard from Jared Avery, Executive Director of District 7780 RYLA, who described the program's current fundraising drive. The following summary of Jared's comments is from the district website.

As all of you are no doubt aware, the RYLA program in District 7780 is one of the most successful youth programs in this part of the country. We have a rich history of developing the young leaders in our district with a curriculum based on building a lifetime of service. While our history is solid, our future is in jeopardy. We have been presented a new challenge that will take a collaborative effort to resolve and we are reaching out to you.

The RYLA curriculum relies heavily on an outdoor challenge course called COPE, which stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. This year, the campus that the RYLA program uses underwent some major construction, the start of a 5-year upgrade plan. As a result, a significant portion of the COPE course was damaged. Much of the course had been in place for close to 20 years and did not fare as well as expected during transport.

The leaders of the RYLA program have worked very hard over the years at not asking for more than we need from the district and our clubs. This year, our program is very much in need. We are looking to rebuild and relocate between 12 and 18 challenge course elements. These elements range in cost from \$300 to \$2,500. Without these improvements, our program faces a very real threat this coming June. Our ability to educate and prepare our participants for new leadership roles would be severely impacted. We are asking for clubs, businesses, or individuals who want to help with either a fixed dollar amount or would like to "adopt an element" from our list. Every contribution will go towards the improvement of the course and the betterment of the RYLA program. No contribution is too small.

If you or your organization would like to contribute, please go to our fundraising website at [www.gofundme.com/ryla7780](http://www.gofundme.com/ryla7780) or you can contact the District 7780 RYLA Director, Jared Avery at [jared.avery@maine.edu](mailto:jared.avery@maine.edu).

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