

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 13, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 20 – Dan Hogan, Pope Preserve

April 27 – Adrienne Murphy & Doug Schauf – Real Estate Classification Talk

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>	<u>May 4</u>
Invocation	F. Bagdasarian	Barker	Britt
Raffle Gift	LoBosco	Knupp	Lourie
Conductor	McGovern	Meyers	Murphy

This week's raffle gift of a Sea Dog Brewing gift certificate was won by Ray Healey. I wasn't there last week, but based on the comments I gathered that he won last week also.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m. – Club Board meeting. (Cape Community Center or Library, not sure which.) We will be discussing how we want to spend our excess reserves – please feel free to come, or to let a Board member know your thoughts.

Saturday, April 30, 8:30 – noonish – Hands-On Project at Pope Preserve and Bug Light. We will be removing invasive species, weeding, removing flotsam & jetsam. Bring work gloves, shovels, etc.

Wednesday, May 11 – SP Public Works Appreciation Luncheon, SP Community Center

Thursday, May 12 – CE Public Works Appreciation Luncheon, Public Works Building

June 10-12 – District Conference, Bridgton – sign up on District 7780 website

November 10 – District 7780 Foundation Centennial Celebration – “100 for 100,” Marriott at Sable Oaks. Guest speaker past RI President Ray Klingensmith.

What's New With Our Members

Congratulations to Tom & Marti Meyers who learned that they will have another grandchild this fall.

Happy Birthday to:

John LoBosco - April 21

Bill Daviero - April 25

As I finally come up for air, thanks to the club for your patience lately. There was no bulletin last week but I heard that the RYLA students who presented the program did a great job.

Soup Ladlers (is that a word?) – Despite a skimpy sign-up, our club came through yet again at the Soup Kitchen. Serving/setting up/cleaning for about 200 guests were:

Ali Carignan

Kathy Cotter

Ray Healey

David Lourie

Tony Wagner

Bill York

Dick Yerxa

Jim Britt

Joe Conroy

Jennifer Major (SPHS Interact advisor)

Bob Cotton – a volunteer

Carlton – another volunteer

Peace Jam! – Our speakers this week were CEHS senior Stephen Bennett and sophomore Tony Inhorn. I was so glad to hear this program because as treasurer I knew that as a club we had helped CEHS students to attend Peace Jam conferences but I had no idea what it was all about. (It conjures up images of hippies with flowers in their hair!) Peace Jam is actually an international organization formed by 13 Nobel Peace Prize laureates – so, great credentials! High schools and colleges around the world form local chapters, and Stephen founded the one at CEHS. The project that they undertook this year was to assist with bullying prevention in the 7th and 8th grades. The international organization has a bullying curriculum which the CEHS students used with small groups of middle-school students. Stephen and Tony feel that the work they are doing is having an impact, and Tony hopes to expand to 5th and 6th graders when he takes over as president of the club next year. The objectives of Peace Jam coincide so well with one of The Rotary Foundation goals (Peace and Conflict Resolution) that it was nice to learn that we have been mentoring an organization that mirrors Rotary so well.

Another Goal of The Rotary Foundation – One of the other goals of The Rotary Foundation is Economic and Community Development. Past District Governor and occasional visitor to our club Marty Helman recently attended an RI Conference on Economic Development in Cape Town, South Africa. Here's an excerpt from her report about the conference:

“As an American, the following statistics helped me put Africa’s economic realities into perspective: At the current time, the official U.S. unemployment rate is just under 5 percent, and at the worst of the Great Depression in the ‘30s it reached 25 percent. Today, South Africa’s official unemployment rate is 25 percent, and most of the rest of Africa is closer to 75 or 80 percent. Meanwhile, for every job that is created through entrepreneur-ship, an average of another three jobs quickly follow. Even a woman selling vegetables at the side of the road typically employs the rest of her family in the business. So the key to economic development — the key to alleviation of poverty — is to find ways to train and sustain entrepreneurs.”

Funding for micro-grants is one of the ways that The Rotary Foundation helps to promote economic development.

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