

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 20, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 27</u>	<u>May 4</u>	<u>May 11</u>
Invocation	Barker	Britt	Butler
Raffle Gift	Lourie	McDonald	McGovern
Conductor	Meyers	Murphy	Mutty

This week's raffle prize of a gift certificate to Starbucks donated by John LoBosco was won by Fran Bagdasarian – for anyone who's counting Fran has been in the club 14 months and has already won 6 times!!!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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.

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

Wednesday, May 19 – SP Public Works Appreciation Luncheon, SP Community Center (*note change of date from what was published last week*)

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

July 20 – SAVE THE DATE! – Lobsterbake at Fort Williams Park

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Joan Frustaci !(April 27)

Welcome back from Cuba, Marge!

Thank you for the very eloquent Rotary moment/invocation, Fran!

Thank you, Catherine Callahan for the design of the center stone at the Children's Garden at Fort Williams.

Thank you again to Catherine, as well as to Community Services Director Tom Meyers, for their roles in getting our club involved in assisting the creation of the park at Millcove described below.

Red is the New Blue – You may have noticed that instead of one “blue bag” that we circulate among the tables for Rotary Foundation contributions, we now have a “red bag” on each table, along with the polio cans. Every Rotarian Every Year is measured each June 30 – the red bags are an easy way to make your contribution and be counted.

Board Decisions – At its meeting this week, the Board approved:

- 💰 The road race budget – we are tentatively expecting more runners this year due to our partnership with Girls On The Run.
- 💰 Payment of the Christmas tree deposit
- 💰 A donation of \$250 to Memorial Middle School to support the 6th grade trip to Camp Kieve.
- 💰 A donation of \$1,250 to Maine Inside Out, an organization that was the program at our club a few weeks ago.
- 💰 A \$750 sponsorship of the Bug Light Summer Music Series.
- 💰 Hiring someone to clean out the back of the fire barn to make it useable.

Applications for RYLA are down this year, so following our club meeting this year, the board also approved using a portion of the RYLA budget to sponsor the RYLA facilitators from SP and CE (there are **six** of them!)

Pope Preserve – Some of you may have read the story in the paper about the eccentric guy who was laying down used carpet to the left of Hannaford in Mill Creek. Turns out that guy is Dan Hogan (our speaker this week and a resident of Knightville) and he had a method to his madness. The land along the shoreline to the left of Hannaford – and the mudflats as well – is actually Millcove Pope Preserve, land originally donated to the Nature Conservancy in 1968 and then sold to the City of South Portland in 1985 for \$1. It has to remain natural under the terms of the original gift. In recent years Japanese knotweed (false bamboo) has choked out the native plant life and blocked the view of the ocean. The carpet is a way of keeping the invasive at bay until it can gradually be dug out as new plants are added.

Next Saturday, April 30, our club will have a hands on project to pull up some of the carpet along the water's edge, dig up the Japanese knotweed, and plant milkweed to attract monarch butterflies.

Dan is busy creating a plan for the area to become a park, and our club has made a donation of

\$1,000 so that he can have a design created, which will in turn allow him to approach other funders for implementation.

Speaking of parks and Rotary, here's a picture of the center stone at the Children's Garden mentioned above.



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