

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 27, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 4 – Club Assembly

May 11 – Classification Talk – Denis Landry (construction)

May 18 – Girls on the Run (our new partner for the Road Race)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 4</u>	<u>May 11</u>	<u>May 18</u>
Invocation	Britt	Butler	Butterworth
Raffle Gift	McDonald	McGovern	Meyers
Conductor	Murphy	Mutty	Phillip

Bev won this week's raffle prize of a gift certificate to Scratch Baking Co. donated by David Lourie.

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.

Saturday, May 7 – Rotary Leadership Institute, Peabody, Mass.

Tuesday, May 10 – Soup Kitchen

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

Wednesday, May 19 – SP Public Works Appreciation Luncheon, SP Community Center

Monday, May 30 – Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade

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

June 18 – Family Fun Day

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

AnaMaria Gonzalez Salguero (May 7)

John Hewitt (May 9)

SMILE! – The next time you shop at Amazon, instead of going to their usual website, type in smile.amazon.com. When you do that, you will be shopping for the same items and pay the same price, but you can designate that Amazon make a donation to a selected charity – and we are one of the charities you can choose!

Who are Doug Schauf and Adrienne Murphy?? – This week's program was a classification talk by club members Doug and Adrienne, and their talk centered on 4 questions:

1. Who is Doug Schauf?
2. Who is Adrienne Murphy?
3. How much is my house worth?
4. What's the local real estate market like?

After giving some background about themselves and how they got into the real estate business, Doug answered how to find out what your house is worth, and Adrienne talked about the current real estate market. Bottom line – the best way to find out what your house would sell for is to ask a real estate broker, and while home sales in Maine are up by more than the national average this year vs. last year, they are actually down in South Portland and Cape Elizabeth, due to the fact that there are so few homes available for sale right now. Adrienne also distributed a list of improvements you can make to your house and what the return on those investments would be in the Portland area (for most remodeling jobs, you can get back about 2/3 of the cost when you sell your home). Thanks Doug and Adrienne for the excellent presentation!!

RYLA Facilitators – Last week I reported that the Board had approved paying \$300 to RYLA for each facilitator who was originally sponsored by our club. There are 6 of them:

- Leah Berry-Sandeling – 3rd year
- Donald Clark – 7th year
- Julia Ginder – 4th year
- Kate Ginder - 2nd year
- Abby Rioux - 3rd year
- Ryan Tuttle – 5th year

The board inquired as to how the facilitators' meals and other overhead were funded. Here's the scoop from Phil Giordano, who spoke to our club recently. Out of the \$300 per participant that the clubs pay, only \$40 goes toward overhead (the rest is for the student's meals, and supplies such as t-shirt and water bottle). If the camp is full, this provides \$5,760 to cover overhead. The actual overhead costs are \$19,450. The shortfall would be made up if clubs paid \$300 per staff

facilitator (which is what our club is doing). Phil reports that he is reluctant to raise the cost for participants lest clubs send fewer students. He also said that “the learning that happens with Facilitators is as important as the campers.”

Note that Anne Swift-Kayatta reported that she and Kathy Ray interviewed RYLA applicants at CEHS this week, and we once again have excellent students that we are sponsoring!

Budget Line Item – Literacy Projects – As we get close to the end of this Rotary year (and I get close to the end of my term as Treasurer), I am going to focus on some of the items in our budget that we spend money on. Under the general category of “Youth” is a line item for “Local Literacy Projects.” It is budgeted at \$1,500 this year and so far we have spent \$1,250. Of that, \$1,000 represents gifts to our local libraries - \$500 each to South Portland Public Library and \$500 to Thomas Memorial Library. Each year the library picks out some books that they would like to purchase in our name, and we give them \$500 to cover the cost of those books. For many years now, Dan and Edie Davidson have been quietly in charge of this project that goes on mostly behind the scenes – thank you, Dan & Edie!!

Thanks from Sybil – Two other line items in our budget are the Food Cupboard and Judy’s Pantry. Earlier in the year we donated \$2,000 to each organization. In addition we have earmarked \$500 for repairs to the Food Cupboard’s van and we recently made another donation for which we received the following letter from Sybil Riemensnider, Director of the South Portland Food Cupboard:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our small army of volunteers, thank you for your generous donation of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a 3 door refrigerator. The new fridge has arrived, and it will be a great help storing fresh produce now and when the summer gardeners start donating their bounty.

For 19 years, the South Portland Food Cupboard has been dedicated to alleviating hunger. We continue to see a steady stream of clients come through our door. Some need a helping hand during a rough patch in life. Some, often the elderly or disabled, need continuing support to put enough food on the table each month. During the last fiscal year, we served an average of 270 families each month.

We understand that asking for help can be difficult, and our mission includes serving with compassion and caring, treating each client with respect while bringing hope and encouragement to their lives. You are an important partner in this mission. Thank you for your kind support of the Food Cupboard.

From the Archives – In 1997 the Casco Bay Bridge was opened and there was a raffle to win a car and be the first person to cross the bridge. Our club also held a road race across the bridge right before the cars were allowed to cross. Tom Meyers contributed this photo and dares anyone to come up with the name of the winner of the car!

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