

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 26, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 2 – Tracy Leigh, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

September 9 – Club Assembly

September 16 – Sheila Rollins, District Governor

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>September 2</u>	<u>September 9</u>	<u>September 16</u>
Invocation	S Irving	Livingston	LoBosco
Raffle Gift	Altenburg	Anderson	D Bagdasarian
Conductor	F Bagdasarian	Barker	Britt

Fran Bagdasarian was the lucky winner of an IOU from Bill York.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 29 – Bug Light Festival; we will be opening the lighthouse.

September 7, Labor Day, 3-5 – Uganda Celebration in Portsmouth; see District 7780 website for more information.

September 8 – Soup Kitchen

September 12 – Bug Light will be open for Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 12 – 100th Anniversary of Portland Rotary, our parent club. Go to portlandrotary.org to sign up.

September 15, 7 p.m. – Board Meeting

September 19 – District 7780 Foundation Forum at USM

September 21 – Westbrook-Gorham club 21st Rotary Classic Golf Tournament, Gorham CC

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Genevieve Valenti (9/8)

Happy Anniversary to Rick & Diane Dobson (9/6)

Congratulations to Ali Carignan on being presented a pin from Membership Chair Fran Bagdasarian for sponsoring a new member (Bev Altenburg)

Are Your Smoke Alarms Working? – Our speaker this week was John Lamb, Director of Communications & Government Relations for the Maine Region of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross responds to about 300 fires each year in Maine. They would like to see that number go down so they are adding an emphasis on fire prevention. John spoke about the importance of maintaining smoke alarms, having a planned escape route and practicing it, having a predetermined meeting place, and having a “Go Bag” by the door packed with items you may need if you have to leave a burning home (shoes, jacket, information about prescriptions, flashlight, etc.). The Red Cross has been conducting canvasses in which they go door to door, talk to residents about fire safety and even install smoke alarms. They are scheduled to do a canvassing in South Portland on November 7. If you have any interest in volunteering to participate in the canvas, please contact John (523-5124 or John.Lamb@redcross.org).

The International Avenue of Service – Our club has not had its own major overseas project recently but we have still been quite active on the international front. In the last Rotary year we donated \$4,240 to The Rotary Foundation (as a club), \$2,383 to PolioPlus (not counting the DineAround and individual donations) and \$7,150 to other international projects. These other projects included:

- ✓ ShelterBox - \$2,000 – provides tents, cookware, blankets, etc. following earthquakes, typhoons & other disasters. Our most recent box is #23351 and it helped survivors in Malawi (you can look it up online at www.shelterboxusa.org).
- ✓ Dr. Fagan, Dominican Republic - \$1,000 – provides hearing aids and artificial hands
- ✓ Partners for World Health - \$500 – collects medical supplies that would otherwise be thrown away and distributes them to developing countries
- ✓ Partners in Development - \$350 – this is the organization that former member Kaylene Waindle Mitchell participated with in Guatemala.
- ✓ Several joint projects with other clubs, totaling \$2,800
- ✓ Joint District grant for a project in Guatemala - \$500.

A little more about this last one since we just received word that it had been approved. The Kittery club actually applied for the grant and it involves collaboration among several Rotary and Interact clubs, as well as a non-profit organization based in Guatemala. The project has two focuses – clean water and literacy. A strong literacy program will be developed for a group of pre-schoolers in the village of Santa Cruz, as well as a hygiene education program. In addition their families will be provided with water filters. Our district has provided a grant of \$4,383 and our club and a couple others are providing \$500 each.

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