

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
December 2, 2015

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**December 9** – Claudia Frost of Brunswick Rotary, reporting on Lonnie Hackett’s work in Zambia

**December 16** – Club Assembly

**December 23** – NO MEETING

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>	<u>January 6</u>
Invocation	Rogers	Russell	Schauf
Raffle Gift	Danielson	Danois	Davidson
Conductor	Daviero	Dobson	Dube

*The raffle gift certificate to Scratch Baking donated by Kathy Cotter was won by... ME! This will come in handy since I currently have no kitchen – as many of you noticed who are suffering on the tree lot without cookies.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**December 5, Saturday – Tree Unloading.** Breakfast at Uncle Andy’s at 7 for anyone interested.

**December 8** – Soup Kitchen

**December 15, 7 p.m.** – Board Meeting

**December 18, Friday at noon** – if you need a makeup (or even if you don’t), the Portland Rotary Club is having the Choral Arts Society sing Christmas carols at their regular meeting.

## *What’s New With Our Members*

*Happy Birthday to Alec Livingston (Dec. 15)*

*Happy Anniversary to Lloyd & Ellen Knight (Dec. 14) - 69 years!!*

*Congratulations to future District Governor John LoBosco!!*

*Our sympathies to the family of Liz Maher, wife of former member Mick Maher and mother of former member Greg Maher.*

*Best wishes to Edie Davidson as she recovers from surgery (and glad to hear that you're finally feeling better!)*

*Thank you to Jack Roberts for putting up the first-ever holiday wreath at Bug Light!*

*Congratulations to The Rotary Foundation - #5 on CNBC's list of 10 most effective charities!*

**WinterFest is Coming!** – WinterFest is 8 weeks away and Kathy Cotter reports that we could use volunteers to serve as coordinators on Friday evening and during the day on Saturday. It's not a heavy lifting job – just answering questions and telling people where to go – many of us are good at that. Let Kathy know if you can help out.

**Food & Rides for Veterans** – The Veterans Committee is well underway and so far has bought Hannaford gift cards and bus passes for homeless veterans to use. Good job! And speaking of veterans, here is an excerpt from Susan Whittington of the VA:

Please ensure the SP/CE Rotary is aware of the true difference they make in the lives of our Veterans recovering from homelessness. We have recently had several recent discharges from the transitional housing programs into permanent housing. After 16 months at the Veterans Career House in Biddeford, one of the Veterans moved into his own apartment, and is employed full time. Your donations were a part of his journey to recovery.

**No Heading** – I thought of many puns to use for the lead-in to this article about our speaker, playing on “judge” and “powers” but they were way too corny to actually use. So I'll just dive right in and say that we were privileged to have The Honorable Keith A. Powers (KAP), Maine District Court Judge, as our speaker this week. Judge Powers grew up in South Portland and is now a resident of Cape Elizabeth. He is a former member of Portland Rotary and he practiced law at Preti Flaherty for many years before being appointed as a judge. He loves his job and gets to see a great variety of cases. The theme of his talk was one that has received a lot of media attention lately – the opiate addiction problem in Maine. There were 7 deaths from opiate overdose in Maine in 2011, and that number dramatically increased to 208 last year. A staggering number of births in Maine are affected by drugs (I'm pretty sure he said 8% - WOW!). He summarized by saying the drug problem is “real and very serious.”



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