

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 20, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

January 27 – SMCC Students Seeking Asylum

February 3 – No meeting – Attend MCCP fundraiser at DiMillo's

February 10 – Tree Sale/Winterfest Celebration at home of Tony Wagner & Sally Campbell

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>January 27</u>	<u>February 17</u>	<u>February 24</u>
Invocation	Sturtevant	Speh	Talty
Raffle Gift	Dube	Flynn	Frustaci
Conductor	Gonzalez	Hawes	Healey

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 28 (Thursday), 5:30 – 7:30 – Networking Event to thank our WinterFest sponsors at Verbena's. Verbena's is donating the space and food; Fore River Brewing is donating beer; Buy Local members are donating the wine. This promises to be a fun party!!

January 29 & 30 – WINTERFEST!!

February 3 – “Party with a Purpose” – Portland Sunrise Rotary & MCCP Wine & Beer Social, Charitable Auction & Spectacular Buffet. 5:30 – 8:30 at DiMillo's. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. All proceeds benefit Maine Children's Cancer Program – come have fun supporting this meaningful cause.

What's New With Our Members

Thank you to Bob Danielson for taking notes at this week's meeting!

Investigation Underway – Scott announced that the board has convened an emergency ad hoc committee to investigate suspected violations of all four aspects of the 4-Way test by one of our members. Specifically, our Membership chair, who joined our club on January 21, 2015 (Happy Anniversary, Fran!) has already won the raffle a suspicious **FIVE times!!!!!!** This week she won a gift certificate to the Snow Squall donated by Rick Dobson. We will keep you apprised of the committee's findings.

Gimme Shelter – At its monthly meeting this week, the Board approved sending \$3,000 to ShelterBox. For those new to Rotary, ShelterBox is an independent organization but founded and largely supported by Rotarians, which provides immediate housing relief to people affected by disaster throughout the world. Each box contains a tent large enough to house a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and children’s activity pack. In 2015 they supplied shelter boxes in 10 countries in Asia, South America, Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific Ocean, due to flood, earthquake, cyclones and conflict. They are currently deploying shelter boxes to Paraguay in response to disastrous floods in that country.

And a Flagpole – the Board also approved spending funds to replace the flagpole at Fort Williams close to the lighthouse (not the big one on the hill, which our club also purchased). This flagpole will have a yardarm and be more nautical in nature. Part of the funds to purchase the flagpole are earmarked from Bath Savings Institution’s WinterFest sponsorship donation; they had specifically requested that some of the funds be used in Cape Elizabeth.

PolioPlus Proud – Our club’s goal for PolioPlus fundraising for the current year was \$4,000. Foundation co-chair Nancy Irving reports that we have donated \$5,648 to date – 141% of our goal. Hurray for us! This is the result of the club’s donation + individual contributions, many of them coming from the Polio dinners. That’s the good news. The bad news is that 16 people were killed in a suicide bombing by the Taliban outside a polio vaccination center in Pakistan last week. All the more reason to do all that we can to eradicate polio as soon as possible.

WinterFest is Coming – the program this week was a discussion of WinterFest.

- ❖ Tony indicated that word was definitely getting out as people have been contacting him requesting participation (which is only available to non-profit organizations).
- ❖ A poster will be distributed in this week’s issue of the Sentry, and the itemized list of events will be in the Forecaster, which will be published the day before the event.
- ❖ Tony explained the history of WinterFest: In 2014, after seeing our initial WinterFest, the City of South Portland entered into a partnership with Rotary because the City needed help getting to the business community for an event that would be a benefit community-wide. Since then Rotary has taken the initiative and it has not only enhanced our relationship with the City, it has enhanced our relationship with the Chamber, Buy Local, the Lions and other businesses in the community. It also gives us exposure and increases our membership potential.
- ❖ There are currently \$33,000 of sponsorships for this year’s program and this is approximately \$7,000 more than we raised last year.
- ❖ For all Rotary members who are working the event, you should be an advocate for Rotary and the City. Thank sponsors and make people aware that the Rotary made it happen. Also, have a good time!
- ❖ Events are:
 - Thursday night reception at Verbena
 - Friday night = Celebrate Knightville, including skating party at Mill Creek Park
 - Saturday = Activities at Wainwright Field, including fireworks.
- ❖ We could use a few more sign-ups – please sign up if you can.

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