

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
June 29 and July 6, 2016

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

July 13 – Laura Dover, Sewall Foundation  
July 20 – LOBSTER BAKE! Fort Williams  
July 27 – Club Assembly - Literacy

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>July 13</u>	<u>July 20</u>	<u>July 27</u>
Opening Words	Davidson	Daviero	Dube
Raffle Gift	Rogers	Russell	Schauf
Conductor	Speh	Sturtevant	Swift-Kayatta

*June 29 – Catherine Callahan won a gift certificate to Terra Cotta donated by Sybil.  
July 6 – a gift certificate to Baylees Lobster Pound, donated by Jack Roberts, was won by Kathy Cotter.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**July 12** – Soup Kitchen – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**July 19, 7 p.m.** – Board meeting at Cape Community Center. Let Bill A. know if you can help take minutes.

**July 20** – Lobster Bake – Let Anne Swift-Kayatta know if you can help.

**July 28 (Thursday)** - Bug Light Movie Night – Star Wars!

**August 13** – Art in the Park (fried dough sales), Mill Creek Park

**August 21** – Rotary Spring Point 5k Classic

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)*

*Happy Anniversary to Joe & Ibbey Conroy (July 7)*

*Welcome back to Mike Tranfaglia from his leave of absence - we're glad to have you back!*

*Sincere condolences to Past District Governor Bob Laux on the death of Cynthia Moran-Laux.*

*Thank you to Jim Russell for taking notes at the July 6 meeting.*

***Editor's/Foundation Co-Chair's Note – In the 2016-17 Rotary year, we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. During the year I will be periodically publishing extracts from Doing Good in the World, a book about the history of the Foundation. But we start this week with an excellent article Mike wrote about polio.***

### **We are Winning But Have Not Won the War RI International PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern (reprinted from Rotary Zones 24 & 32 Newsletter)**

For thousands of years the wild polio virus has left its mark on millions of children and adults across the world. The virus has crippled children, has had long term impacts on adults and has instilled fear into families who could only hope that they would be fortunate enough to have the virus pass them by.

The story of polio eradication over the last 65 years has shown the best in humankind from the mothers like my own who went from door to door raising funds for the March of Dimes for polio research, to the researchers who worked with Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Albert Sabin, to the public health and mobilization experts who have labored to see that no child is left behind and to the health workers in Afghanistan, Pakistan and in Africa who continue to bravely knock on doors and provide polio drops to provide immunity.

Rotary, all of us and Rotarians before us, saw the impact of this dreaded disease and abandoned decades of Rotary tradition and decided we could all join together in a single global project for the first time in our history. We showed that with fierce determination and with some needed dollars, we could attack the virus in one country and did so and then the Filipino model of success was emulated in country after country. In the early days of our efforts we were mocked as “do gooders” who could not be trusted to be leaders in getting the job done. But then Rotarians gave nearly \$250 million in a single fundraising campaign and the bureaucrats suddenly realized that we were a force of good who were serious about the task ahead.

As I write this in the last weeks of June 2016, we have seen only 17 polio cases this year in two countries. We have gone two months with environmental samples showing no evidence of the polio virus in the drainage areas in Pakistan where polio was always found. We see similar results from Afghanistan.

Yet, I could not be more scared and nervous about where we are in this war. The embers of the virus are not yet fully extinguished. The world has many villages that do not have full surveillance of health conditions. With victory in sight, many are ready to move on to the next battle, the next project to benefit humankind. We have fought far too long to abandon our remaining forces on the frontlines. A virus that has reigned for thousands of years is cornered but will not go quietly. Our efforts in this new Rotary year need to continue unabated. As Rotary leaders, we need to show just how serious we continue to be in serving humanity.

**June 29 - Change-over Night** – We celebrated the end of the 2015-16 Rotary year with a meeting at the Lions clubhouse. We were glad to be joined by guests

- \* Diane Anderson (our new “first lady”)
- \* Cathy Beliveau (Denis’ wife)
- \* Jan Butler
- \* Sally Campbell (Tony’s wife)
- \* Claudette Dube

President Scott thanked the Board and assorted others before turning the gavel over to new President Bill Anderson.

**July 6 - MS** – The speaker this week was Sue Tidd, director of development for the Greater New England Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She was accompanied by Donna McGrew who was diagnosed with MS in 2010. The MS society has a goal of creating a world free from this horrible disease. In addition they help the people affected by MS. They do this in four ways:

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Service
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Advocacy

So what is MS? MS is the interruption of brain signals to the nerve impulses. The symptoms vary widely. There is no known cause for the disease. There is no cure. Women are twice as likely than men to get MS. Most people contract MS between the ages of 20-50. In Maine 1 in 400 people have MS. Prior to 1993 there were no FDA approved drugs for treating the disease. Now there are 13 approved therapies for keeping the disease in check. After Sue spoke for a while, Donna got up and shared her story. She was very inspirational. She has made finding a cure her mission in life.

***Another Editor’s Note – This week’s bulletin is a double issue due to the holiday and my vacation schedule. I will be taking more vacation time immediately after next week’s meeting so next week’s bulletin will not be timely. So please note your duties for the Lobsterbake if you have any, and don’t forget to come to Fort Williams that day!!***

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