

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
June 15, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

June 22 – Game Night – **AT CAPE ELIZABETH LIONS CLUBHOUSE**
June 29 – Change-over Night **at the home of Laurenz & Barbara Schmidt**
July 6 – Sue Todd, Multiple Sclerosis

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>June 22</u>	<u>June 29</u>	<u>July 6</u>
Invocation	Cotter	Danielson	Danois
Raffle Gift	Redman	Riemensnider	Roberts
Conductor	Rogers	Russell	Schauf

Kathy Cotter was the lucky winner of a chance to track down this week's raffle prize donor to see if there actually was a prize.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 18 – Family Fun Day

June 21 (Tuesday) – Senior Luncheon, McKernan Center. Attendance is expected to be triple last year and we will need to provide transportation for some of them. We will also need bartenders to prepared mocktails.

July 20 – Lobster Bake

May 19-21 – Looking WAY ahead! Next year's District Conference celebrating the conclusion of Marge's year as District Governor will be at the Samoset in Rockport.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Bob Knupp - his birthday wasn't on the club website yet, but I'm writing this on June 16 and it's his birthday TODAY!

Congratulations to Nancy Irving, who parlayed our club's silent auction gift (a tour of Bug Light - no cost to the club!) which had a top bid of \$40, into contributions of \$1000, by throwing in John LoBosco or Tony Wagner as tour guides, adding an extra tour, adding Portland Head Light to the tour, and basically taking advantage of the competitive nature of Rotarians. Since all silent auction proceeds went to Polio Plus, with the match that's actually \$3,120 that she raised!

Hardware – Our club brought home two certificates from last weekend's District Conference:

- ❖ Bronze Presidential Citation from the President of Rotary International Ravi Ravindran
- ❖ District Governor's Award from DG Sheila Rollins

We're not sure what they represent but we must have done something good!

Leading the Pack – Our club was also given special mention at the District Conference for having contributed the most in the District towards PolioPlus (not just per capita – total dollars; we have given more than clubs over twice our size!). *Congratulations to us all!!!!* Our Annual Fund giving is right up there but we haven't quite reached our goal yet. If everyone who has not yet made their EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) contribution would do so by the end of the month, our Foundation chairs Sue Sturtevant and Nancy Irving would greatly appreciate it!

Ladlers – We welcomed two new helpers at the Soup Kitchen this week:

- ☞ Bob Krupp
- ☞ Denis Landry

Several regulars were also there:

- ☞ Paul Butler
- ☞ Joe Conroy
- ☞ Bill Daviero
- ☞ Phil Dube
- ☞ David Lourie
- ☞ Mike McGovern (not technically a “regular”)
- ☞ Tony Wagner
- ☞ Dick Yerxa
- ☞ Bill York

Speaking on behalf of those who just can't get to the soup kitchen because of work or other commitments, we really appreciate the faithfulness of all the soup kitchen volunteers!

We'll Miss You! – The club was saddened to learn of the resignations of

- * Genevieve Valenti – she has been on a leave of absence and decided not to request an additional leave. She lives in Saco and is no longer working in the SP-CE area.
- * Rick Dobson – Rick spends his summers at the lake and his winters in Florida so he felt that he wasn't around enough to be a contributing member. The Board voted to make Rick an honorary member of the club.

Our club has been enriched by the contributions of both Genevieve and Rick.

Housing in the Portland Area – Our speaker this week was Sherrin Vail, Branch Executive Director for the Portland Y. Sherrin is a native of South Portland and prior to working at the Y she was the Director of Property Management at Avesta Housing. She is also the President of the Maine Real Estate Managers Association (MREMA), a non-profit which represents managers of affordable housing in Maine. Sherrin led us in a discussion about various issues associated with housing in greater Portland. Of particular concern to Sherrin and MREMA is the inadequate supply of affordable housing in Maine. Many housing authorities have extremely long waiting lists and sometimes even close their waiting lists.

Sneak Preview – and sneak is the operative word because I went behind the tape to take this picture at the Council Ring at the Children's Garden:

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