

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 16, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 23 – Gretchen Carroll, Hiking the Appalachian Trail
March 30 – Derek Volk, President, Volk Packaging

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>	<u>April 6</u>
Invocation	York	Altenburg	Anderson
Raffle Gift	N. Irving	S Irving	Landry
Conductor	Livingston	LoBosco	Lourie

Jim Britt was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to Verbena, donated by Ray Healey.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 19, 5 – 7:30 – Lions Club Dinner, Lions clubhouse in Cape Elizabeth, \$10 pp (BYOB)

March 26 – Interact Conference at Thornton Academy, 8:00 – 2:00. Contact Ali, Scott or Tony if you would like to attend.

March 31, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – District Membership workshop at Victoria Mansion; sign up on district 7780 website.

April 2 (Saturday) – District Assembly at Hannaford Hall, USM in Portland, 8:30 – 2:00. Sign up on district website; the club will pay your registration (let Marc know that you plan to attend).

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to
Marc Mutty (March 23)
Elyse Tipton (March 25)

Happy Anniversary to David & Robbi Rogers (March 28)

Get Well Wishes to former member Jeff Hobbs, recovering from being under the weather.

Thanks to President Scott for providing me with the notes from the meeting.

How Are We Doing on Foundation Giving – We have already exceeded our Polio giving goal, but that’s no reason to stop giving! We are still short on our foundation goal – we are at \$9203. 28 members have given to date, an average of \$328 each. Now would be a great time for those who haven't given to make a donation.

Congratulations, Bev! – We reported last month that Bev received an Above and Beyond Award at the World Peace and Understanding Dinner – except that she wasn’t actually there to receive it. Bev finally received her award this week; the citation reads: *“Beverly Altenburg joined SPCE on July 15, 2015. She took on several critical roles within the club and has been very effective. She stepped up to the fundraising committee, and helped bring the policy to a stage where the board approved it. She also joined the WinterFest steering committee helping to organize what was the best yet, both in terms of execution and in the amount raised. Bev was responsible for bringing in many new sponsors herself.”*

More Thanks from the VA (Susan Whittington) –

“Once again, please thank the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club for their continued support to Maine’s homeless Veterans. Over the past few years, the club has given upwards of \$18,000 in needed items to this cause. As the VA Maine homeless team and our community partners move Veterans from shelter, tents, and vehicles into housing, we are honored to be able to provide them with your generous gifts: bedding, pots and pans, food, etc.

Recently I was approached by 2 separate Veterans who had become homeless due to house fires. Both lost everything: their clothes, glasses, household possessions, everything! One was a Vietnam Vet who had felt as if he was not appreciated for his service, until we met up a few weeks ago. He was teary eyed as we loaded his daughter’s vehicle up with donated items, many of which came from the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary. Please let your members know how important their contributions are. It means so much more to our Veterans than just a physical item.”

A Productive Board Meeting – All this transpired at this week’s Board meeting:

- Representatives from the Race Committee presented the Board with a request to pursue partnering with Girls on the Run to increase race participation – approved.
- A discussion with representatives from SMCC about effective ways to use our money to

help students, in particular asylum seekers and local students who are struggling to make ends meet. The Board did not officially approve anything yet because we need to spend a little more time on the particulars, but we agreed that at a minimum we would like to commit to two ongoing scholarships of \$1,500 each (most of which would come from earnings from our Scholarship Fund), as well as make a contribution to the Bookstore Fund.

- Agreed that we would like to participate in the Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day parade again.
- Discussed how to spend down the surplus that has accumulated in recent years – the Board members will review the Visioning results and come to the next meeting with suggestions. **Note that any suggestions from club members are welcomed.**
- Approved spending the remainder of the Food Cupboard budget item on a new refrigerator (\$3,500) and van repairs (\$500)
- Agreed to donate \$1,000 in seed money to Pope Preserve (the park in back of Hannaford).
- Approved a donation of \$400 to the South Portland Little League team.
- Approved donations of \$100 each to CEHS and SPSH Project Graduation.
- Approved an increase in our Partners for World Health budget item from \$500 to \$1,000 – this will help fund shipment of a container of medical equipment and supplies to Cameroon.

Ethics and End-of-Life Issues – Dr Frank Chessa, Director of Clinical Ethics at Maine Medical Center spoke on ethics, particularly those around end of life. It was an interesting presentation on the duties of Maine Med's Ethics department and their work.

Regarding end of life Dr. Chessa spoke about the importance of identifying who should make health care decisions for you. Under Maine law it could be someone you would not expect. He gave the example that Maine law gives precedence to a roommate, if you share a bank account with them, over parents or children.

A take away is that everyone, young and old, should have an advance directive to make sure the decision maker is who you want, and to make it easier on family members and your identified decision maker.

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