

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 2, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 9 – Tessie Seward, Maine Inside Out – Troubled Youth Solution

March 16 – Dr. Frank Chessa, Director of Clinical Ethics (MMC)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>
Invocation	Wagner	Yerxa	York
Raffle Gift	Hawes	Healey	N. Irving
Conductor	Leasure	Landry	Livingston

Party at Dan McDonald's house! He won the raffle gift of a bottle of Guatemalan rum donated by AnaMaria.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 8 – Soup Kitchen

March 9, 5:15 at Purpoodock – Club de-briefing on WinterFest – all are welcome to come and offer feedback.

March 19 – Rotary Leadership Institute, York County Community College, Wells, 8-3:30. Sign up on the district website - the club will pay for your registration.

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.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

Dan Mooers (March 11)

Kathy Ray (March 12)

Happy Anniversary to

Tom & Marti Meyers - March 9

Bev & Sherm Altenburg - March 12

Off to PETS - President-Elect Bill Anderson will be attending the Northeast President-Elects Training Seminar (PETS) next weekend, as will Governor-Elect Marge. Have fun and come home inspired!

Welcome potential members! This week we welcomed David Underhill and his wife Linda to our meeting - Dave will be District Governor (DG) in between Marge and John, and we're wondering if he wants to join our club so that we can have a DG dynasty. Also joining us again was Robert Knupp, a Rotarian from Pennsylvania who doesn't seem to have anything better to do on Wednesday evenings - either that or he likes us!

Rotary Schmoozing – I guess that's not the official purpose of the Rotary Leadership Institute and the District Assembly, but in addition to learning more about Rotary and our duties for the upcoming year (for those that will have club responsibilities), a great aspect of Rotary district events is the opportunity to connect and re-connect with other Rotarians from all over the District. Consider trying to make it to one or the other of these upcoming Saturday events; the club will pay your registration fee so you even get a free meal out of it! The upcoming District Assembly and the PETS next weekend are the unofficial kick-off of Marge's year as District Governor – let's show our support for her. Along with Marge, other speakers at the District Assembly will include prominent Rotarians such as Scott Irving and Catherine Callahan.

The Boys of Summer – Now that spring training has started, Bill York offered his annual baseball challenge revolving around the Red Sox and Yankees win/loss records. To the extent that one team's W/L record exceeds the others, participants will pay \$5 per game to the Foundation, with a \$25 mercy rule. I (Nancy H) am the recordkeeper so let me know if you weren't at the meeting and want to get in on it. Muddling things this year are some club members who seem to think there are more than 2 teams in the American League, and they insist on betting on the Orioles, the Indians and the Royals. We're happy to take their money but I'm not sure whose record we're comparing them against – the Red Sox or the Yankees. But since there's a 5-game cap I guess it doesn't matter!

Club Discretionary Vouchers – When Kathy Cotter's husband Peter was president, he wanted to let everyone in the club have a say in how the money we raise is spent. So he inaugurated the "Discretionary Vouchers." This is \$50 per member that you can donate towards any good cause of your choosing without needing approval from anyone. Just ask me to send a check, or send a check yourself and ask to be reimbursed. So far this Rotary year club members have used their vouchers to donate to the Food Cupboard, to give money to the students from Burundi who spoke at our club, and to increase our club's contributions to help homeless veterans.

Youth Protection – This week’s meeting was a club assembly, and we spent most of it talking about a very serious subject. The district has revised the Club Protection policy and our Board adopted it with a minor change (we are not requiring the Club Protection officer to be a Board member). The policy is on the club website for anyone interested in reading it (go to the Members Only section and click on the 2nd item down: Club Operating Documents). Although we do not currently have a program involving youth interacting one-on-one with Rotarians (such as youth exchange), we still have several activities in which we interact with students in groups (soup kitchen, tree lot, Interact meetings, etc.). Club Protection Officer Fran offers the following good advice:

1. Work in pairs or more – avoid situations where you are alone with young people.
2. Avoid touching young people – when you give a pat on the back, let it be figuratively rather than literally.

Note that there will be a session on this topic at the District Assembly, and we discussed the idea of devoting a meeting to it at some time.

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