

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 30, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 6 – Phil Giordano, RYLA
April 13 – Stephen Bennett, CEHS Peace Jam

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 20</u>
Invocation	Anderson	D Bagdasarian	F. Bagdasarian
Raffle Gift	Landry	S. Irving	LoBosco
Conductor	Lourie	McDonald	McGovern

Due to his Rotary travels, Mike McGovern doesn't get a chance to attend our club meetings very often, but when he does, he somehow manages to win the raffle. This week it was a gift certificate to Little Bigs donated by Nancy Irving that he won.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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).

April 12 – Soup Kitchen

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:
Mark Leasure - April 6
Ellie Speh - April 8

Happy Anniversaries - unless this is a typo on the website, it looks like Bill and Diane Anderson, and Dan and Joan McDonald got married on the same day - April 11, 1970!

Bon Voyage to Marge as she leaves for a trip to Cuba with the Exeter Rotary Club!

Also congratulations to Marge on receiving a multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin last night!

Welcome back, Sue Sturtevant - it was nice to see you last night and we're glad your mother is feeling better!

Hosts Wanted – Our district is sponsoring a Vocational exchange with Argentina – the teams will be composed of individuals interested in mental health. (This is the exchange that Sue LoBosco is participating in.) When the Argentinian team comes here, they will be in our community June 5-6 and hosts are needed for 2 men and 2 women. If you would like to host one of the team members in your home, and/or if you would like to participate in activities for them on the 6th, please let Scott know.

Chasing the Rabbit – Our speaker this week was Derek Volk, president of Volk Packaging and author of Chasing the Rabbit, a book about his son Dylan who has Asberger's Syndrome. The title of the book is an analogy to racing greyhounds, who are constantly chasing a rabbit but never catching it. In this case the "rabbit" is normalcy, which Dylan has tried to achieve his whole life but it was always just out of his reach. Derek told us of the long process of trying to find a diagnosis for Dylan, even though they knew from very early on that something wasn't quite right, for example his obsession with playing with vacuum cleaners at age 2! Derek described the hard time that Dylan had in school and then even after graduating high school. They were fortunate to find a program in Utah that turned his life around a few years ago and now he is a comedian who goes under the name Dielawn (google him!). More information is available on Derek & Dylan's website, chasingtherabbit.org.

Rotary and the UN – Rotary has had a relationship with the United Nations since 1945. In 2000, the UN developed the Millennium Development Goals, which line up pretty well with The Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus. The UN goals are:

1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases
7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development

In its 2015 report, here are a few of the results towards achieving these goals, achieved through efforts of the global community:

- * Globally, the number of people living in extreme poverty has declined by more than half, falling from 1.9 billion in 1990 to 836 million in 2015; most progress has occurred since 2000.
- * The number of out-of-school children of primary school age worldwide has fallen by almost half, to an estimated 57 million in 2015, down from 100 million in 2000.
- * In southern Asia, only 74 girls were enrolled in primary school for every 100 boys in

1990; today 103 girls are enrolled for every 100 boys.

- * The global under-five mortality rate has declined by more than half, dropping from 90 to 43 deaths per 1,000 live births between 1990 and 2015.
- * More than 900 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets were delivered to malaria-endemic countries in sub-Saharan Africa between 2004 and 2014.

The full report available online lists many more accomplishments, while pointing out that there is still much to be done.

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