

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

March 9, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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

March 23 – Gretchen Carroll, Hiking the Appalachian Trail

March 30 – Derek Volk, President, Volk Packaging

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>
Invocation	Yerxa	York	Altenburg
Raffle Gift	Healey	N. Irving	S Irving
Conductor	Landry	Livingston	LoBosco

I (Nancy H) donated the raffle gift certificate to Scratch Baking, and as reward for taking notes for me at the meeting, Jim Russell won it! (Thanks, Jim!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 16, 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.

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

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

 *Dan McDonald (March 16)*

 *St. Patty's Day babies Nancy Hawes and Mike McGovern (March 17)*

 *Bev Altenburg and Paul Butler (March 18)*

Soup Kitchen – Serving soup (or whatever) this week were

- 🍲 Ali Carignan
- 🍲 David Lourie and guest
- 🍲 Ray Healey
- 🍲 Tony Wagner
- 🍲 Jim Britt
- 🍲 Bill Brewington & son Gabe
- 🍲 Scott Irving
- 🍲 Phil Dube
- 🍲 SPHS Interact Adviser Jen Major
- 🍲 SPHS students Sofi Chase, Juliana Selser, Paige Flemming, Guineth Zelmanon, Katie Laverdiere, Brad Milesan (excuse spelling errors if any – these are how they came to me)

Maine Inside Out – Our speaker this week was Tessie Seward, who is the co-founder and co-director of Maine Inside Out. Maine Inside Out collaborates with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people to create and share original theater inside and outside correctional facilities. They use theater as a tool to work with these people to build trust and self-confidence and to move away from a feeling of isolation. The group also helps with the very difficult challenges faced by these people when they leave prison and attempt to re-enter society. Monthly support groups meet in Biddeford, Portland and Lewiston to help with this transition. Tessie introduced Gabe and Brianna, both recent participants in the program who shared their experiences. They both spoke about how this program has let them find their voice and has set them on a path to hopefully future success. Both of them are furthering their education as a result of what they have learned through the program. If you want to learn more about Maine Inside Out the website is www.maineinsideout.org

WinterFest A Huge Success – Note that there is a meeting this week right before our regular meeting to discuss any feedback/suggestions that club members might have about WinterFest (postponed from last week). The WF Committee got together with representatives from the city and Buy Local shortly after the event and among their comments were the following:

- ✳️ The fireworks were very successful – it was estimated that about 1500 people attended.
- ✳️ Similarly the snow hill was extremely popular.
- ✳️ The networking event was very successful – the only change might be the start and end times.
- ✳️ Suggestions were made for making the luminaria more visible.
- ✳️ Ice sculptures were tucked away out of the wind but as a result many people did not see them.
- ✳️ Suggestions for other activities including city vehicles (fire truck, etc.) at Wainwright Field, plus a competition between Sneakers and Slugger.
- ✳️ Replace the hockey clinic with a different event.

Although there may be a couple sponsorships still outstanding (less than \$1,000?), the current net profit for WinterFest is **\$21,448.85**. Great job everyone, with special kudos to Kathy Cotter who has done an exceptional job leading the event this year!

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