

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 18, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 25 – Michael DuBois, Senior DEA Investigator – Investigative Tools for Money Laundering
June 1 – Club Assembly (I think)
June 8 – Dan Kennedy, Floral Design

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 25</u>	<u>June 1</u>	<u>June 8</u>
Invocation	Callahan	Carignan	Carson
Raffle Gift	Murphy	Mutty	Phillips
Conductor	Ray	Redman	Riemensnider

Katie VerLee from Girls on the Run won the raffle prize of a gift certificate to Broadway Gardens donated by Tom Meyers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, May 21 – Kite Festival at Bug Light Park – lighthouse will be open from 11:00 – 3:00 – look for sign-up in your email soon.

Monday, May 30 – Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade

Thursday, June 2 – Charter Night, Saco Bay Sunset Club

Thursday, June 2, 5:30 – 7:30 – A Light on the Point – celebration of SMCC 70th Anniversary

Sunday, June 5 – Girls on the Run Celebratory 5k, Cumberland Fairgrounds – our club will help with parking and man a table to promote our Road Race

June 5-6 – Our club will be hosting Vocational Exchange Team from Argentina – let Scott know if you'd like to participate in their activities.

June 10-12 – District Conference, Bridgton – sign up on District 7780 website

June 18 – Family Fun Day – coordinator needed – please let Scott know if you can help.

June 21 (Tuesday) – Senior Luncheon, McKernan Center

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

David Rogers - May 28

Michele Danois - May 31

*Thank you to Bill York for arranging the programs for the last few years
- we have had a lot of interesting speakers.*

Board Actions – Here are some items that were discussed at this week's Board meeting:

- ✓ Increased the number of scholarships awarded for current high school graduates from 8 to 12 – the Scholarship Committee (Ali Carignan, Joe Conroy, Jacki Ferrell, Kathy Cotter) had a hard time distinguishing among the outstanding candidates so requested an additional \$4,000. Note that the scholarship money is given after the completion of the first semester of college so the additional funds will actually come out of the 2016-17 budget.
- ✓ Approved camperships (of varying kinds) of a little over \$2,000. These originally came to us as unsolicited requests; the board followed up by consulting with the South Portland School Department and was assured that these were indeed students who would truly benefit from these camperships and would not be able to attend without our help. Since the club budget contains items that support high school freshmen (RYLA), graduating high school seniors, and students at SMCC, the board thought that it would be appropriate to consider a line item in our budget in the future for supporting camperships for elementary and middle school students.
- ✓ Approved summer ESL classes for a student from South Portland to enable him to attend SMCC in the fall.
- ✓ Authorized a gift to the new Saco Bay Sunset Club.

Fort Williams Picnic Shelter – This was also discussed at the Board meeting but probably merits its own blurb. As you know if you took the Fort Williams quiz in the bulletin last November, our club has a long history of helping to fund major projects at Fort Williams (as well as smaller ones such as the flagpole erected last week). Our club originally provided funding for the picnic shelter and we believe that it could stand to be spruced up a little. Catherine Callahan has drawn up some preliminary concept plans that include a patio on the side away from the ocean and plantings around the shelter. For safety reasons, steps with a railing are needed from the parking lot up to the shelter. Catherine, Tom Meyers and Scott met with Bob Malley, the CE Public Works Director to discuss the proposed project, and will be meeting with the Fort Williams Advisory Commission on June 16. The Board authorized them to commit club funding of \$20,000 (with the possibility of additional funding) when they meeting with the Commission.

Road Race – Our speakers this week were Debbie Megna and Katie VerLee from Girls on the Run. The main reason they were invited to speak is that we will be partnering with them on our

Road Race this summer on August 21. Most road races have been experiencing declines in participation in recent years and our club is no exception. Our Road Race committee felt that working with another organization would be a good strategy for attempting to increase participation. Therefore this winter they got Board approval to partner with Girls on the Run for our race. Here are the details on our collaboration with them:

- ✍️ GOTR will promote our race on their website, FaceBook page and through emails.
- ✍️ GOTR will distribute our race promotion/registration cards to all of their coaches.
- ✍️ GOTR will let us promote our race at a table at their Celebratory 5k on June 5 (attendance expected of about 2,000); we will be the only other race present at this event.
- ✍️ We will help them with parking at their Celebratory 5k (this came about because the Road Race committee asked them at this week's meeting how our club could help them)
- ✍️ We will split the profits from our Road Race with them 50/50.

This collaboration is a win/win since it will help us to improve participation (and profits!) in our race, and at the same time we will be donating to an organization which helps young girls (ages 8-14) improve their self-confidence. Our donation will help them to waive fees for girls whose families cannot afford the registration fee.

South Portland Public Works– Serving at the SP Public Works Appreciation Lunch this week were Ellie Speh, Joan Frustaci, Kathy Cotter, Tom Meyers, Paul Butler, Scott Irving, and presumably Dan Davidson (since he took the pictures).

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