

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 25, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

June 1 – Club Assembly (I think)
June 8 – Dan Kennedy, Floral Design
June 15 – Sherrin Vail, Branch Executive YMCA, Housing in Maine
June 22 – Game Night
June 29 – Change-over Night at the home of Laurenz & Barbara Schmidt

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>June 1</u>	<u>June 8</u>	<u>June 15</u>
Invocation	Carignan	Carson	Conroy
Raffle Gift	Mutty	Phillips	Ray
Conductor	Redman	Riemensnider	Roberts

Congratulations to Sue Sturtevant who won the raffle prize of a Nonesuch Books gift certificate donated by Adrienne Murphy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday, May 30 – Cape Elizabeth Memorial Day Parade

Wednesday, June 1 – Bug Light Committee meeting after our regular club meeting (I think)

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 – drivers needed to take the team to their various activities on Monday, June 6 – please let John LoBosco know if you can help out.

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

June 18 – Family Fun Day – coordinator needed, as well as workers on all shifts.

June 21 (Tuesday) – Senior Luncheon, McKernan Center

July 20 – Lobster Bake

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Rich Daniels (June 4)

Happy Anniversary to:

Kathy & Alan Ray - June 2

David & Joyce Lourie - June 3

Thank you to Jim Russell for taking notes at this week's meeting while I was on vacation.

Bug Light – Once again we had a very successful open house at Bug Light during the Kite Festival on May 21. Thanks to everyone who helped out! However following this event, our Community Services Director Tom Meyers brought up some concerns and suggestions about how to make it a safer and more enjoyable experience for our visitors. There will be a meeting of the Bug Light Committee after this week's meeting (June 1) - anyone not on the committee but who would like to join in the discussion is also welcome. (I think there's a meeting anyway; I'm not positive that the last email I saw on the subject was definite.)

The End is Near – of our Rotary year, that is! And that means we have about a month left to reach our club's Foundation goals and the goal of Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). Our Foundation co-chair Sue Sturtevant informed us this week that so far we have raised \$7,153 for Polio Plus which exceeds our goal of \$4,000 ☺, but we have only raised \$8,458 towards our foundation goal of \$12,550. She urged everyone to give something no matter how small so we could achieve our goal of EREY.

Money Laundering – Our speaker this week was Michael Dubois, a financial investigative contractor. Michael is a retired criminal investigator with the IRS. He shared stories of how financial crimes are untangled both in the USA as well as in Iraq where he spent several months working undercover to expose theft and fraud. His job currently has him working with a liaison group of the federal government known as OCDETF. This stands for Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force. What the government now does is bring together these individuals and solve specific cases. Michael is currently working on one in Vermont

Broken Record – I know I already printed a thank you letter from Sybil a few weeks ago describing the activities of the Food Cupboard. So I'm sort of repeating myself in printing the following article of hers which was included this week in the South Portland Community Newsletter. I'm printing it because you Capers and other non-SP residents probably haven't seen it – it has an excellent description of all of the Food Cupboard's activities AND she gives recognition to Rotary and our support of the Food Cupboard.

FOOD CUPBOARD

As we approach our 20th year of sharing food with our neighbors in need, we are quite proud of our accomplishments.

- Starting with "Deliveries" to South Portland residents that are disabled & unable to come to the Cupboard, we now deliver food to 20 men & women a month.
- At the same time, we were in the basement of St John's, and across the street was the Maine Motel. Many housed there, came across the street for food. The Motel provided a small refrigerator & microwave, but nothing else to cook with, so we made up ""motel" bags containing, a can opener, plastic plates, containers, cups, silverware & napkins. This made their food choices more substantial, and they kept the bag contents.
- We have a "HELP" desk. Clients are able to receive assistance with food stamp problems, finding where to receive oil, clothing, medical issues, bus passes, and recently with finances. Town & Country Federal Credit Union, has shared one of their loan officers to help with questions, finances, etc. This is proving to be a positive addition
- Last summer we set up a pilot program called "snack bags". This initially was for South Portland families, below the poverty level, with children between the ages of 5-12. The snack items did not need refrigeration, but were all healthy foods. As feedback was so positive, we extended our outreach to all families meeting this criteria. Due to public attention to this, all supplies are now being donated!
- This Spring we heard of "The Locker Project," a program started by Good Shepherd for schools with children from families below the poverty level in Portland. One of our South Portland schools, Kaler, fell within their guidelines and we offered to help. By picking up food from Hannafords in Scarborough, we are able to share the produce, bread, and pastries to them. We also supplement donated canned & packaged goods to them. The school has set up the food in the cafeteria for eligible parents to shop, once a week, under the supervision of the guidance counselor or social worker. Once again, all the food is donated!
- Memorial Middle School & the High School have set up "food lockers" spaces for hungry students to access, --with supervision, we help stock them also. Again the food is donated.

We have been pleased that businesses and individuals donate the specific items we need for these projects, our community has responded repeatedly throughout the years and we are very grateful. Thanks to funding from the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary we now have a web site southportlandfoodcupboard.org and a new 3 door industrial refrigerator, ready for the

summer vegetables. Rotary is a significant partner in our growth.

The facts are: families are food insecure, children are hungry, and we are helping! We are still 99% volunteer, (we hired a warehouse manager last summer,) and have well over 50 volunteers helping to make us so successful. ***We are more than a food pantry, we have helped many & we love what we do.***

Sybil Riemensnider, Director

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