

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 11, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 18 – Maine Turnpike Bridge/Infrastructure

November 25 – NO MEETING (Thanksgiving)

December 2 – Kap Powers, Maine District Court Judge

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Nov. 18</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>
Invocation	Riemensnider	Roberts	Rogers
Raffle Gift	Conroy	Cotter	Danielson
Conductor	Danois	Davidson	Daviero

Adrienne Murphy was the lucky winner of a mystery prize – congratulations, Adrienne!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Tuesday, November 17 – 7 p.m., Board meeting. At Cape Community Center?

Thursday, November 19, 8 a.m. - Trailer Setup at Mill Creek Park

Saturday, November 20 – Corral & Lot setup

Friday, November 27, 7:30 a.m. – Tree Unloading

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Marge Barker - November 27

Happy Anniversary to Tony Wagner & Sally Campbell - Nov. 22

Thank you to former member Jeff Hobbs who made a donation of \$500 to our efforts to help homeless veterans.

We met this week on Veteran's Day, and honored veterans everywhere,

but especially those within our club. We especially remembered with sadness and affection the life of Arick Michael Dobson-Tarr, a victim of PTSD.

Serving & Cleaning – The soup kitchen was staffed this week by the “usual” contingent from our club: **Dave Bagdasarian** (who is making a name for himself at his pot-scrubbing abilities), **Jim Britt, Paul Butler, Ali Carignan, Joe Conroy, Bill Daviero, Phil Dube, Ray Healey, David Lourie, Dick Yerxa** and **Bill York**, as well as 2 students from SPSHS – **Molly Walker & Hana Freeman** AND 8 students from CEHS – **Jade Lindinau, Will Kerson, Jesse Robicheau, Alia Manning, Emilie Jarqun, Olivia Powers, Olivia Tighe, Daphne Bockhurst** (not sure if these are the right spellings but I copied them exactly as Joe gave them to me).

Remember Your “Vouchers” – Just as a reminder, every member of the club is free to use \$50 of the club’s money to spend in a charitable way. This can be a recognized charity, or an individual going through hard times – it’s up to you decide what is a good use of the money. Either make a payment yourself and ask Nancy Hawes for reimbursement, or give her the particulars for the donation and ask her to send it directly.

The Children’s Garden at Fort Williams Park – Our speakers this week were Bob Ayotte, Board chair for the Fort Williams Park Foundation, and Lynn Shaffer, chair of the Arboretum Committee. Also on hand were board members Ellie Speh and Chuck Redman, as well as Catherine Callahan who serves on the Arboretum Committee. Our club got the Children’s Garden effort started with a donation of \$25,000 for the garden’s design. After 4 years of fundraising by the Foundation, we are book-ending the campaign with our \$5,000 gift, which allowed the Foundation to fulfill a challenge grant, leading to an additional \$5,000 – bringing them to the total needed to begin work on the garden.

The Children’s Garden is designed to be much more than a playground – it is intended to be a place where children can play in nature and grow to love it. When completed the Garden will contain these elements:

- ❖ A Marsh with stepping stones in it (where kids can watch the frogs)
- ❖ A very shallow stream feeding fresh water into the pond, where kids can play in the water
- ❖ Meadow Maze
- ❖ A birch tree fort
- ❖ A place for building fairy houses.

The Foundation has produced colorful brochures for visitors to the park, and has produced its first annual report. They are also proud of their new website – check it out: fortwilliams.org

QUIZ Follow-Up:

One of the quiz questions last week dealt with the support our club has provided to the park. In addition to the \$30,000 for the Children’s Garden mentioned above, the club has also given:

- ✓ \$3,500 – Flagpole

- ✓ \$8,000 – Museum
- ✓ \$10,000 – Picnic Shelter
- ✓ \$12,000 – Pond restoration

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