

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 18, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 25 – NO MEETING (Thanksgiving)

December 2 – Kap Powers, Maine District Court Judge

December 9 – Real Estate Classification Talk – Doug & Adrienne

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>
Invocation	Roberts	Rogers	Russell
Raffle Gift	Cotter	Danielson	Danois
Conductor	Davidson	Daviero	Dobson

Sybil Riemensnider won this week's raffle prize – a gift certificate to Salt Water Grille donated by Joe Conroy

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, November 20 – Corral & Lot setup

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

Mike Tranfaglia - December 2

Adrienne Murphy - December 8

Get well wishes to Edie Davidson, who will be having surgery on November 30.

Congratulations and thanks to Ali Carignan as she takes over as Youth Services Director on our club's board on January 1, taking over from Mike Tranfaglia who will be taking a leave of absence necessitated by a change in his work hours (we hope to see you back soon, Mike!)

Thank you to the faithful club members who do food pickups for the Food Cupboard - David Rogers, Bill Anderson, Alec Livingston, Bev Altenburg & Michele Danois.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee, who presented the board candidates described in the article below: Kathy Cotter (chair), Ellie Spoh, Marge Barker, John LoBosco and Bob Flynn.

Spending Our Money – Here are some recent expenditures authorized by our club’s Board of Directors:

- ✓ ***Preble Street Soup Kitchen*** – we are donating \$1,000 toward the cost of steam-cleaning the kitchen. This mainly came about as a result of that neat freak David Lorie complaining of the mold. Doesn’t he realize it adds to the flavor!
- ✓ ***South Portland Food Cupboard*** – we are contributing \$2,000 to cover the costs of setting up the Food Cupboard’s new website. The website is a great step in advancing awareness of the Food Cupboard and soliciting donations.
- ✓ ***RYLA*** – We are allowed to send a maximum of 10 students per high school. Since there are 2 high schools in our communities, in recent years we have supported 16 students and the Sunrise Club has supported 4. Due to the challenges the Sunrise club is facing, the Board authorized the sponsorship of all 20 students from our club (at \$300/student).
- ✓ ***Bug Light*** – take a trip out to Bug Light and look for the light – you can actually see it now! We spent \$1,480 of the donations we have collected that were earmarked for Bug Light on replacement glass in the windows at the top of the lighthouse. It’s a vast improvement!

Welcome, Sarah! – Sarah Piper is our co-newest member, proposed for membership by Tony Wagner. Sarah is a commercial lender at Bath Savings Institution, and will be transferred to the Mill Creek branch within the next month. Sarah grew up in South Portland and has recently moved back here with her husband Jake after living in Poland for 6 years. Sarah serves as Treasurer of Tedford Housing in Brunswick, and has an interest in alleviating poverty and hunger. Welcome Sarah, Jake and the little Piper-to-be!

Welcome, Mark! – With a lovely description of what Rotary and our club are all about, Membership Chair Fran Bagdasarian, along with Membership committee member Ellie Spoh, also welcomed Mark Leasure into the club on Wednesday. Mark, also proposed by Tony, is a structural engineer with his own practice. He lives in Cape Elizabeth, which is also where he grew up (although he lived “away” for several years). When asked what skills he would like to use for the club, Mark mentioned a lot of hands-on skills – cleaning, painting, wiring, plumbing, etc. (Too bad we didn’t know about this sooner – he could have scraped off the mold at the soup kitchen!) Welcome to the club, Mark – we’ll put your skills to good use!

Next Year's Board – Kathy Cotter, chair of the club Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for next year:

President-Elect – Sue Sturtevant
Vice-President – Fran Bagdasarian
Secretary – Marge Barker
Treasurer – Nancy Irving
Directors:

Catherine Callahan
Ali Carignan
David Lourie
Tom Meyers
Doug Schauf

In addition to these officers who are scheduled to be elected at the December 2 meeting according to our bylaws, Bill Anderson will automatically become President and Scott Irving will be Director-at-Large.

Nominations were closed and there is only one candidate for each position; therefore there will be no debates on CNN or baby-kissing trips to Iowa. Congratulations to all of the above and thanks for your willingness to serve!

Building Bridges – Our speaker this week was Kristi Van Ooyen, Engineering Project Manager for the Maine Turnpike Authority. Kristi said that there are 184 bridges on the Maine Turnpike and it is her job to make sure they are in good repair. Bridge maintenance projects are divided into Repair projects and Rehabilitation projects. In the next 4 years, 25 bridges are scheduled to be repaired (\$13 million) and 4 will be rebuilt (\$7.3 million). In addition to the major projects there is minor maintenance done continually on all the bridges. Kristi described the parts of the bridges that need to be repaired and how the repairs are done. Most of the bridges on the turnpike were originally built in the 1950's and the useful life of a bridge is 30-50 years. So nearly all of the bridges have been rebuilt at some point.

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