

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
October 7, 2015

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**October 14** – Tom Atwell, Gardening  
**October 21** – Woodard & Curran, Engineering  
**October 28** – Janet Eberle, South Portland Schools

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
Invocation	Murphy	McDonald	Mutty
Raffle Gift	Butler	Butterworth	Callahan
Conductor	Carignan	Callahan	Conroy

*A gift certificate to Taco Trio, donated by Jim Britt, was won by Jack Roberts.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**October 13** – Soup Kitchen

**October 18** – First Polio Dine-Around (Bagdasarians)

**October 20, 7 p.m.** – Club Board of Directors Meeting

**October 24** – World Polio Day.

- District 7780 Bridge the Gap to End Polio
- Polio Dine-Around dinners at Danielsons & Tranfaglias

**October 30, 6:00 – 10:00** – Dress up to Drive Out Human Trafficking

## *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Birthday, Bob Danielson (10/15)*

*Congratulations to Lauren Phillips (daughter of Bill & Colleen) who was married last weekend.*

*Congratulations to our Maine Marathoners, who participated in the relay version of the race, and finished a highly respectable 18<sup>th</sup> place!*

*Jim Russell*

*Bill Phillips*

*Bob Danielson*

**Thank You Bath Savings!** As one of our major WinterFest sponsors, Bath Savings has signed on again and has increased their sponsorship level from \$4,500 to \$5,000!!

**Gulf of Maine Research Institute** – Blaine Grimes, Chief Development Officer at Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) and a resident of Cape Elizabeth, spoke to us about the history of GMRI and what it does today. Some of you remember that the organization started out as a quest to build an aquarium in Portland. That proved to be financially unfeasible so the organization went in the direction of research instead. The Gulf of Maine is one of the most productive ecosystems in the world, and is also warming faster than 99% of the other bodies of water in the world. GMRI researches all aspects of the Gulf and its fish; they just received a grant from NASA which is the largest grant in their history. GMRI's education component features their program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, which has involved 100,000 Maine children to date.

*The story behind the story:* I wish I had thought to let Blaine know about the GMRI/SPCE Rotary connection before she spoke, but in 1998 our club sponsored Alan Lishness as a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team member on a trip to Finland. (GSE trips were discontinued a few years ago and were replaced by Vocational exchanges such as the one that Catherine and AnaMaria went on to Bulgaria.) Blaine mentioned Alan in her talk as key to securing grants from NASA and other organizations. Alan was so smitten with Finland and made such good friends there – personally and professionally – that he developed those contacts and still visits Finland nearly annually. One of the contacts was Petri, a marketing professional who develops all the promotional materials for GMRI (such as all the brochures that Blaine brought to the meeting).

**Rotarians At Work** – Well, I don't have a picture of the Rotarians actually working, but here's their end product – the fire barn doors at Fort Williams were painted green to better match the rest of the building and the surrounding environment – it looks great!

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