

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 9, 2015

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 16 – Club Assembly
September 23 – Classification Talk, Dave Bagdasarian
September 30 – Ben Alexander, Maine Mead Works

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sept 16</u>	<u>Sept 23</u>	<u>Sept 30</u>
Invocation	LoBosco	Lourie	Meyers
Raffle Gift	D Bagdasarian	F Bagdasarian	Barker
Conductor	Britt	Butler	Butterworth

Perpetual raffle gift winner Fran Bagdasarian struck again – this time she won a gift certificate to Panera donated by Bill Anderson.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 15, 7 p.m. – Board Meeting, Cape Community Center Meeting Room

September 19, 8:00 – 2:00 – District 7780 Foundation Spending Assembly, Abromson Center, USM

September 21 – Westbrook-Gorham club 21st Rotary Classic Golf Tournament, Gorham CC

What's New With Our Members

No birthdays or anniversaries this week?!?!

New Paul Harris Fellow – At last week's meeting, our club honored Nancy Miles as a Paul Harris Fellow. Time did not permit reading aloud the introduction that had been prepared describing what a Paul Harris Fellow is, and Nancy's many qualifications for the honor, so I am sending that to you separately. At the same time, we presented a check for \$2,000 to Judy's Pantry. In accepting the award – and the check – Nancy noted that Judy's Pantry is in its 6th year

and it serves 115 individuals (including 55 children, 17 seniors and 7 single parents). Many of their customer have significant health issues. Judy's Pantry originally started as a produce pantry in the summer, offering healthy food grown in local gardens, but has now expanded to a year-round food pantry. Our donation, along with donations from the Lions, Cape Business Alliance and individuals allows them to buy food to accomplish this goal.

Serving Up Soup – Thanks to all the following who worked at the Soup Kitchen last week:

- Jim Britt
- Paul Butler
- Joe Conroy
- Ray Healey
- Alec Livingston
- David Lourie
- Mike McGovern
- Tony Wagner
- Bill York
- Bill Brewington & his son, a college student (Roland) and 2 women

Happy Anniversary to the Portland Club! – Our club was chartered over 50 years ago by the Portland Club which was founded just 10 years after the very first Rotary club. They celebrated their 100th anniversary on Saturday night featuring:

- * Attendees in Roaring 20's attire – some more so than others, and our District Governor Sheila definitely falling in the More camp.
- * A very interesting video describing the club's formation and its earliest members, including John Calvin Stevens and Robert Braun, the first president (think Porteous Mitchell & Braun);
- * A video with clips from current members describing what the club means to them;
- * A very complimentary keynote speech by Angus King;
- * Paul Harris Fellow presentations to the late Vincent McKusick and to Enoch Barton (Harmon's & Barton's)
- * DANCING, including a dance instructor teaching the Charleston.

The club is rightfully proud of its many accomplishments over the past 100 years and we are proud to have been chartered by them.

District Governor Visit – In last week's bulletin we learned all about District Governor Sheila Rollins' many past careers & accomplishments. What she didn't publish and I learned Saturday evening (see article above) is that she can really cut a rug!! Too bad I'm not technically competent enough to insert a video into the newsletter so that you could see for yourself. We also learned last week that Sheila IS technically competent and went to the time and trouble of fishing through our website and Facebook page for pictures of our club at work, and worked them into her very well-done PowerPoint presentation. Since we already know what we do, I'll skip over that part of the program and tell you about the District projects she is enthusiastic about:

- ✓ International Literacy Project – the district is collecting books for the Jada Special Education Center in Nigeria. The plan is to send 1000 books – our club made a donation of \$300 towards this effort in honor of her visit to our club.
- ✓ Local Literacy Project – “Rotary Reads” – this project collects books and then distributes them to clubs to donate to local schools, libraries, etc.
- ✓ Anti-Hunger Initiative – this event is planned for March and will focus on hunger in the elderly – stay tuned later in the year for more details.
- ✓ Polio Walk – the district will be repeating the very successful Polio Bridge Walk in Portsmouth again this year – the date will be Saturday, October 24, to coincide with World Polio Day – mark your calendars!
- ✓ Vocational Training Team – our District will be sending a team of mental health professionals to Argentina to participate in an exchange.
- ✓ Child Anti-Slavery Initiative – Sheila is very passionate about the issue of human trafficking and was horrified to learn how widespread this is. On October 30 our district will be collaborating with at least 3 other organizations to hold an event called “Dress Up to Drive Out Slavery.” Again, mark your calendars!

In last week’s bulletin I mentioned that Sheila had been an aspiring politician. She attended her first Rotary meeting while campaigning for office, and as she says, she “lost the election, but won Rotary.” How fortunate for Rotary!

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