

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 12, 2017

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 19 – James McCarthy, Mainebiz

April 26 – Jen Fullmer, USAF, Ret., Boots 2 Roots

May 3 – Ed Googins, SP Chief of Police

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 19</u>	<u>April 26</u>	<u>May 3</u>
Opening Words	Tranfaglia	Wagner	Yerxa
Raffle Gift	N. Irving	S Irving	Knupp
Conductor	Leasure	Livingston	LoBosco

*Our President Bill was the winner of a gift certificate to Verbena, donated by Ray Healey.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**April 27 (Thursday); 4:45 – 8:00 (first hour is social only)** – Visioning Workshop at South Portland Housing Authority for anyone interested in the vision process, strategic planning and leadership development. The \$10 fee includes a light dinner and will be paid by our club. Please join other club members and Rotarians from across the District in a working session that will benefit you professionally, as well as the club.

**April 29 (Saturday)** – Planting at Fort Williams picnic shelter – see Tom Meyers email to sign up.

**April 29** – 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Seaside Duathlon, Kennebunk Rotary (duathlon = 5k run, 16 mile bike ride, then 5k run)

**May 1 (Monday), 7 p.m.** – Orientation for all new members (definition of “new” – if you haven’t been to an orientation yet, this is for you) at the Irvings’ home, 27 Crescent View Ave, CE (behind Kettle Cove Dairy Bar)

**May 9** – Soup Kitchen

**May 10 (SP) and 11 (CE)** – Public Works Luncheons – sign-ups will be posted.

**May 19-21** – District Conference, Samoset, Rockport – register on District 7780 website.

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to John LoBosco (April 21)*

*Buon Compleanno to Bill Daviero (April 25)*

*Congratulations to our President Bill, who is climbing the ranks (?) of Rotary to become an Assistant Governor next year. His territory will include our club and 3 other clubs.*

**New Blood at the Soup Kitchen!** – Hugh and Mike G made Joe Conroy's day by volunteering at the soup kitchen this month. The whole roster of volunteers included:

- 👤 Jim Britt
- 👤 Joe Conroy
- 👤 Kathy Cotter
- 👤 Phil Dube
- 👤 Mike Geneseo
- 👤 Bob Knupp
- 👤 David Lourie
- 👤 Hugh O'Shea
- 👤 Dick Yerxa
- 👤 Bill York
- 👤 Jennifer Major and 4 of her SPHS Interact students.

**Like Father, Like Daughter** – This week Sarah Higgins kept the Rotary tradition alive in her family by becoming our newest member. Her dad Jim is a former member and she runs Higgins Carpet together with him. Sarah loves outdoor activities and is a HUGE Red Sox and Patriots fan. As a member of the SP business community, she is extremely interested in becoming involved in the community and giving back – you came to the right place, Sarah – Welcome!!

**Saudi Arabia, Part 2** – Our regularly scheduled speaker was unable to attend, and by coincidence former member Paul McKenney was visiting the club this week. Paul is a Colonel in the Army Reserves and had recently returned from Saudi Arabia. He spoke to us about his impressions of the country, confirming and expanding on much of what we learned last week.

**100 Years of The Rotary Foundation – the Polio Story** – In Part 2 last week we learned that Dr. Sabin's contribution to polio eradication was not just the development of the vaccine but he was a true advocate for the health of the world's children. That story continues...

Rotary had sailed into uncharted waters with its grand new plan. It had never worked with such high-profile partners before or attempted such an ambitious fundraising goal. Moreover, it had never come close to planning a project with so many logistical hurdles to anticipate and overcome.

In the early stages of PolioPlus, there was not much urgency. After all, the goal was to complete the project by 2005 – 20 years into the future. A \$120 million goal over 20 years amounted to only \$6 million a year, which was attainable without jeopardizing the ongoing support for The Rotary Foundation's other programs.

However, Sabin and Canseco had other ideas. "I was chairman of the 3-H campaign when Carlos called the first meeting to plan the polio program," recalls Herbert G. Brown, who went on to become RI President in 1995. "When President Carlos couldn't make the meeting, I represented him. There were 10 or 12 people around the conference table and much hemming and hawing, as Rotarians can do. Sabin was tired of all the discussion that he felt was not moving toward a resolution to move forward. He took his walking stick and cracked it across the conference table with the most almighty bang and said, 'We're gonna do it, and we're gonna do it now!' By golly, that got our attention. We got it done."

That experience and the sense of urgency that Sabin inspired prompted Rotary leaders to take a bold step: they would take three years, not 20, to raise the \$120 million.

*From Doing Good In The World, the Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years by David C. Forward.*

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