

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
April 5, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 12 – Bradford Peck, Support for Maine Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

April 19 – James McCarthy, MaineBiz

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

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>	<u>April 26</u>
Opening Words	Swift-Kayatta	Tranfaglia	Wagner
Raffle Gift	Healey	N. Irving	S Irving
Conductor	Landry	Leasure	Livingston

Nicole was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to Willows donated by Nancy Hawes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 11 – Soup Kitchen

April 27 (Thursday); 4:45 – 8:00 (first hour is social only) – Visioning Workshop at South Portland Housing Authority for anyone interested in the Visioning process and how it can benefit the club.

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

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

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Doug Schauf (April 13)

Congratulations to All of Us for a very successful WinterFest- the numbers are in and we netted \$26,000. This represents \$44/person hour for the 46 people who helped out with the event.

Thank You, Maine Restaurant Week – The proceeds from the Maine Restaurant Week kickoff breakfast go 100% to Preble Street – Jim Britt announced that this year’s donation was \$8,000! And speaking of Preble Street, we had a pass on our monthly soup kitchen duties last month due to one of the many snowstorms, and the month before that we had a very meager turnout. This is an important community service project of our club and is a perfect expression of Service Above Self. It also is a very poignant reminder each time we serve there of our extreme good fortune. Please consider helping out at this month’s (and future months’) soup kitchen.

Another Way You Can Help – We also have a need for Service Above Self right in our own club. When the meeting concludes each week, we’re all in a hurry to get home and see how the Red Sox are doing, while Phil Dube stays behind to put away the banner, the podium, etc. He also comes early to every meeting to get the room set up. Phil would really appreciate having someone to team up with on this duty to share the load. Please let Phil know if you could help out.

Black Gold – Our speaker this week was Kathleen Sutherland, a retired professor of Political Science and Women’s Studies at Bowling Green State University. She spoke about Saudi Arabia and the ways that religion and oil have influenced their society. They have been spoiled by the vast amounts of money that oil has brought to their country but with the recent oil surplus, they have a strong need to diversify their economy. She also filled us in about some of their royals, who are trying to modernize the country. Kathleen is also president of the World Affairs Council of Maine and she told us about some of their activities and encouraged us to consider membership.

100 Years of The Rotary Foundation – the Polio Story – Part 2 below describes the history of the public health strategy that went into the current model of polio eradication – as I mentioned last week we probably take it for granted that mass immunizations are the best way to eradicate polio (especially since it has been successful in eradicating polio in nearly every country in the world) but it was an uphill battle to put that plan in place.

1978-79 RI President Clem Renouf recalls that 1984-85 President Dr. Carlos Canseco, a professor of medicine in Mexico, “strongly opposed the plan to send vaccines to country after country for routine immunization. He said that ‘attacking polio piecemeal was like sweeping the ocean back with a broom.’” The opinion of the public health community was divided as to how to best control polio. The more traditional “horizontal” approach, advocated by WHO and many developing countries, was to administer doses of multiple vaccines through a gradually growing network of health providers as individual children reached a certain age. Sabin argued vehemently that WHO’s Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) was painfully slow in protecting the world’s at-risk population, pointing out that WHO’s horizontal approach of simultaneously attacking six targeted childhood diseases had, by the early 1970s, protected only 5 percent of the world’s newborn children.

Sever, Canseco and others joined Sabin in advocating mass immunizations. In a typical mass immunization, a government would blanket the entire country with advertisements for National Immunization Days (NIDs), urging parents to bring every child in the nation to thousands of immunization posts that were set up on a single day. All children younger than five years would receive the oral polio vaccine and their fingers would be marked with indelible ink. Over the following few days, health workers would conduct “mop up” days, when they would go from home to home and immunize any eligible children with unmarked fingers. A few months later, the NID would be repeated once, and then again, until every child in the country had received, on average, four doses of vaccine.

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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