

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 24, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 31 – Tom Johnson, Exec Director, Victoria Mansion
September 7 – Nicole Avery, Cancer Community Center
September 14 – Rebecca Wright, Good Shepherd Food Bank

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 31</u>	<u>Sept 7</u>	<u>Sept. 14</u>
Opening Words	Healey	N. Irving	Knupp
Raffle Gift	Tranfaglia	Wagner	Yerxa
Conductor	York	Altenburg	Piper

Dick Yerxa (again!?) won a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Elyse (welcome back, Elyse!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 27 – Bug Light Festival; we will be opening the lighthouse for tours.

September 5 – Deadline to respond to the District Visioning Survey – let your voice be counted!
(Link is in the email you received on August 17)

September 10 – Bug Light will be open again – this time for Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 17 – District work project at Ruth's Reusable Resources – sign up on District 7780 website (or in the email you should have received from Kerstin Kirchner on August 23)

September 21 – Board meeting following the regular club meeting.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to
John & Sue LoBosco (August 31)
Rick & Diane Dobson (September 6)

Congratulations to Mike McGovern on his 15 minutes of fame this week (both in the Portland Press Herald AND the Rotarian magazine!) and his upcoming departure from the town of Cape Elizabeth!

Thank you to Tom Meyers who took notes for me this week, and as you can see below this was a big job - his pen must have been smoking!

District Literacy Project – Bev Altenburg is leading a small committee devoted to making sure our club focuses on literacy this year, and specifically to make sure we qualify for the District Literacy award. We're already well on our way, but participation in events such as the District work project at Ruth's Reusable Resources (see calendar above) will help.

Sybil is Stylin'! – Thanks to many donations, including our club's contribution of \$5,000, Sybil – or more specifically the South Portland Food Cupboard – has a beautiful new van. She even had the Rotary logo painted onto the van! Congratulations, Sybil (aka South Portland Food Cupboard)!

Interactors are SMART!!! – President Bill read letters that he had sent on behalf of the club to the recent valedictorian and salutatorian at SPSHS, both of whom were members of Interact:

-  Ava Desjardins – Valedictorian
-  Jordan McDuffie – Salutatorian

We're so proud of them and all of our Interact students in both high schools, who are a credit to their advisors Jennifer Majors (SPHS) and Chris Newell (CEHS).

Raking in the Dough – Our club received a whopping \$23.66 this week – not a big amount, BUT we did absolutely nothing to earn it – it came from Amazon Smile as a result of club members designating SP-CE Rotary as the recipient when they made online purchases from Amazon. Remember to go to ***Amazon Smile*** rather than Amazon when doing your online shopping. (Your purchase amount will be exactly the same as if you went directly to Amazon – the money that we receive is not added to your purchase price.)

Lost & Found – If you picked up a white Maine Marathon t-shirt at a Rotary event, it probably belongs to Bill York.

Turmoil in the Middle East – Our speaker this week was Kathleen Howard Sutherland, Ph.D., who teaches classes on the Middle East at OLLI. Dr. Sutherland was born in Cairo and is the President of the World Affairs Council of Maine. Bill York asked the club to narrow down

potential sub-topics and tonight she discussed “What was the biggest ‘jolt’ in the Middle East in the last few years?” Dr. Sutherland opined that the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, and the withdrawal in 2011, was the most important because it provoked sectarianism among the competing sects. The re-awakening of bitter sectarianism from the 7th century (!) between Shiite and Sunni was the recipe for revolt.

Also the Arab spring was a revolt against corruption, authoritarianism, and oppressive governments that spread beyond North Africa. Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Bahrain all had various outcomes, ranging from strong military taking charge because it was already popular with the people... to help by proxy wars to keep the status quo. Essentially, regimes struggled to preserve power and survive against unhappy populations. Interestingly, it was WOMEN who were the most active and organized in the Arab spring revolt...but when done, were sent back home.

62% of the people in these countries are under 40 and many are hopeful that the youth, with their pro-western beliefs, will be the solution to some of the problems.

Born to Run – Your editor was not, but apparently over 100 people who participated in the Rotary Spring Point 5k Classic last Sunday were. Financial results are not available yet, but perhaps we did a little better than last year, based on the number of runners? Thank you to everyone who flagged, handled registration, passed out t-shirts, etc. etc., and not least of all to the Race Committee who has turned the race into a well-oiled machine. (Sorry I wasn’t able to get more pictures – there was a lot of glare. The girl near the center of the photo in the bright pink top is Catherine’s daughter Audrey LeBleu – she finished 2nd in her age group!)



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