

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 31, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 7 – Nicole Avery, Cancer Community Center
September 14 – Rebecca Wright, Good Shepherd Food Bank
September 21 – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
September 28 – Speaker from CIEE – *at Portland Players*

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sept 7</u>	<u>Sept. 14</u>	<u>Sept. 21</u>
Opening Words	N. Irving	Knupp	S. Irving
Raffle Gift	Wagner	Yerxa	York
Conductor	Altenburg	Piper	D. Bagdasarian

Laurenz added some pizzazz to the raffle – he donated \$60 cash as the prize. The winner rolled a die and kept a portion of the prize money depending on what he rolled. The remainder goes to The Rotary Foundation. The winner Denis Landry rolled a “4” so theoretically he could keep \$40 and \$20 would go to the Foundation. But Denis waived his winnings and thanks to the generosity of both Denis and Laurenz, I sent in \$60 to The Rotary Foundation!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 5 – Deadline to respond to the District Visioning Survey – let your voice be counted! (If you have not yet responded, the link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016DistrictSurvey>)

September 9 at 4:30 – Grand Opening of Children’s Garden at Fort Williams

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 Birthday to Scott Irving - September 9

Happy Anniversary to Bob & Alicia Danielson - September 10

Time to Party! – After we donated the money for the initial plans four years ago, and after a summer of dusty construction, the Children’s Garden at Fort Williams will finally have its Grand Opening next week. As major donors, we are all invited to attend next Friday, September 9 at 4:30. Come see the tree house, the babbling brook and the tile with our name on it right smack in the middle of the Council Ring. In addition to the obligatory ribbon-cutting there will be activities for children so bring the whole family!

Labor Day Means Winter’s Almost Here? – I hope not but the WinterFest Committee is already in full swing. Thank you to Scott and Bev for volunteering to be co-chairs this year. If you helped secure a sponsorship last year, you should already have received a letter from Bev. If you have any ideas for new sponsors, please talk to her to see if someone else is already asking them. The Committee has already secured \$7,500 in commitments and is hoping to reach at least \$35,000 (slightly more than last year). They are aiming to have all of the sponsorships and ads finalized by November 23rd – just in time for tree sales!

Bug Light Open House – The Club had another successful opening of Bug Light last Saturday, as part of the annual Buy Local Bug Light Festival. We had 208 people tour the Light and collected \$175 in donations for the Light.

Special thanks to Jackie Farrell and Mark Leasure for re-writing one of the scripts, now used on the second floor. And a very special thanks to Tom Meyers for new safety sheets, and an extensive lantern room script that features information on the beacon itself.

Also, Ellie Speh provided a new and classy donation container that probably helped boost the collection - thanks Ellie.

The docents this time were: President Bill, Jack Roberts (Lighthouse chair and “keeper”), Tom Meyers, David Lourie, Sue Sturtevant, Ray Healey and Sue Hagen, Sally Campbell, Mark Leasure, Ellie Speh, and Tony Wagner (Event Chair).

We all look forward to the next opening on Sept. 10th for State of Maine Open Lighthouse Day.
(submitted by Tony Wagner)

A Modest Summer Home...NOT! – This week we learned about the Victoria Mansion from Tom Johnson, Executive Director and Sam Heck, Development Director. (Many of us already knew Sam because he is the past AND future president of the Portland Sunrise Club.) The home was built by native Mainer Ruggles Morse and his wife Olive to escape the heat of New Orleans in the summer. Tom and Sam showed us slides of the sumptuously decorated home, whose ceilings and walls are all hand-painted. The home narrowly escaped demolition in 1940 and has been a museum for 75 years. Much of the interior has been restored to its exquisite original condition; Tom and Sam described it as “the biggest money pit in Maine.”

Rotarians at Fort Gorges – The Portland Club graciously invited us to join them on a tour of Fort Gorges last week – taking them up on the offer were Nancy & Scott Irving, Dan & Edie Davidson, Denis Landry & Cathy Beliveau (& son).



FORT GORGES



TAKING PHOTOS (SCOTT) AND
PLAYING POKEMON GO (NANCY)

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KEEPING THE LAMP LIT AT BUG LIGHT