TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth February 22, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 1 – Julia McDonald, MD, Drugs – Expired & Recycled

March 8 – Mike Tarpinian, Opportunity Alliance

March 15 – Club Foundation Anniversary Party!

ASSIGNMENTS

	March 1	March 8	March 15
Opening Words	Laurenz	Ursula	Vanessa
Raffle Gift	Daviero	Dube	Farrell
Conductor	Hawes	Healey	Nancy Irving

This week Fran won a military grade flashlight donated by Dan Davidson.

The rest of the story – since I wasn't here one of the weeks, I questioned in the last bulletin whether Dan McDonald had actually won 2 weeks in a row. Yes, he did – and the 2nd time he won he gave his Good Table gift certificate to Nicole as a "welcome to Rotary" present – what a guy!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 15 – Foundation Anniversary Party – see below.

March 18 – District Leadership Institute

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Dick Yerxa (March 5)

<u>Serving Soup</u> – Apparently Valentine's Day and digging out from a monstrous snowstorm didn't bode well for the soup kitchen, so we are especially grateful to the intrepid folks who showed up at last week's soup kitchen:

Bob Knupp

Paul Butler

- David Lourie
- Tony Wagner & Sally Campbell
- Joe Conroy
- 2 high school students

Thanks for your faithful Service Above Self!!

<u>Welcome to Rotary!!!!</u> - This week we welcomed Isabell Kubeck as our newest member (making Mike G and Nicole old-timers!). Isabell studied Childhood Development in her native Germany and moved to Maine in 2011. She lives in Yarmouth with her husband Mark (and their dog) and works at Cape Memory Care. Welcome to Rotary, Isabell!



<u>It's Time to Party!!!</u> – This year marks the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. Our club will be celebrating the event at our regular meeting on March 15. Here are the particulars:

- ❖ Who: You and please feel free to bring a guest(s)!
- ❖ What: Dinner (a little more elaborate than usual), Recognition,* and Fun
- ❖ When: Come a little earlier if you can (5:30) for hors d'oeuvres and socializing!
- ❖ Where: The usual place
- ❖ How much: \$20 per person

*Recognition – we will be honoring 4 individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. We had several worthy recommendations to choose from (thank you to everyone who made suggestions!) but narrowed it down to:

- ➤ Kathryn DiPhilippo Executive Director of South Portland Historical Society (we've worked with her on Bug Light);
- ➤ The late Sam DiPietro co-founder with our club of the Boys & Girls Club in South Portland;
- ➤ Jim Gailey city manager of South Portland until recently;
- ➤ David Lengyel owner of Willows and a big supporter of our communities.

Please mark your calendar – it's not a party without you!!!!!

<u>It's Not a Competition but...</u> – Our club is doing another outstanding job this year in donating to The Rotary Foundation – both to the Annual Fund and to PolioPlus. This is the result of several factors:

- ✓ PolioPlus dinners
- ✓ The Football pool
- ✓ Attendance at the District's dinner in November
- ✓ Donations in honor of Mike McGovern's retirement
- ✓ Donations in memory of Jim Russell & John LoBosco's father
- ✓ Club donations representing our hard work on the tree sale, WinterFest, etc.
- ✓ Many very generous club members

So clearly you all had a hand in donating to TRF as of February 12, 2017:

- Annual Fund \$12,929 (just \$71 short of our goal for the year)
- ➤ PolioPlus \$16,741.89 (this is far and away the largest club donation in the district so far, and accounts for over 1/3 of the district's donations)

Not only that, but our club has a really good chance of achieving EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) status this year. There are 12 members who tend to donate at the end of the Rotary year (June) who have not given yet – if you're not sure if you have given yet in this Rotary year, just ask Sue or me.

As Foundation co-chairs, Sue Sturtevant and I are so grateful that you have all made our job so easy – what a fantastically warm and generous club – not just to the Foundation but in so many respects!

<u>Catching Health</u> – Our speaker this week was Diane Atwood, author of a blog about health and wellness called Catching Health. Many of us "know" Diane from seeing her on Channel 6 as the health reporter for many years. Diane spoke to us as if were old friends about her decision to start her own blog in 2011 and the challenges and satisfactions of writing and maintaining a blog. Unlike many blogs, Diane keeps up a demanding schedule of 4 or 5 posts a week so it is full of informative stories, recipes, podcasts, etc. You can "catch" Diane's blog either by going to dianeatwood.com or CatchingHealth.com.



Thanks to Dan Davidson for both photos.

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