

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
July 27, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 3 – Gillian Graham, Medical Marijuana
August 10 – Club Assembly – Road Race
August 17 – Kevin Kelly, The Business of Scallops

ASSIGNMENTS

| | <u>August 3</u> | <u>August 10</u> | <u>August 17</u> |
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| Opening Words | Farrell | Flynn | Frustaci |
| Raffle Gift | Speh | Sturtevant | Swift-Kayatta |
| Conductor | Tipton | Wagner | Schmidt |

David Lourie won a gift certificate to C Salt Gourmet donated by Doug Schauf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 28 (Thursday) - Bug Light Movie Night – Zootopia

August 9 – Soup Kitchen

August 13 – Art in the Park (fried dough sales), Mill Creek Park

August 21 – Rotary Spring Point 5k Classic

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Ali Carignan (August 4)

Get Well Wishes to Ana Maria

WELCOME BACK, Laurenz!

Thank you to former member Jeff Hobbs for his \$500 donation to augment our club donations to help homeless veterans.

Speaking of Veterans – Dan Davidson relayed an update he received from the VA. From 2014 to 2015 there was a 46% decrease in the number of homeless veterans in Maine. Sixty percent of the homeless veterans in Maine live in Cumberland County so the problem is definitely right in our own backyard. We'd like to think that our donations of pots & pans, bedding, etc. that help veterans get established when they move into their own apartments contributes to the success the VA is having.

Help Wanted – Road Race – The road race is just over 3 weeks away. Please sign up as either a volunteer or a participant if you can.

Help Wanted – Youth Literacy Chair(s) – Dan & Edie Davidson have been working with the youth librarians at the SP and CE libraries for several years, helping them to purchase books as a result of club donations. They are ready to turn this project over to someone else so please let Dan or Bill Anderson know if you have any interest in doing this – it sounds like a very rewarding “duty.”

Ground Rules – President Bill reminded us last night that Rotary is a non-denominational and non-partisan organization. We are a diverse group with varying opinions and beliefs. Please be sensitive to that fact and refrain from political commentary during club meetings.

If You Can Read This... – Obviously you can, and aren't you fortunate that you can! One of our District Governor Marge's passions is promoting literacy and the District will be presenting Literacy Awards to all qualifying clubs at the end of the year. President Bill sent out a brochure outlining the criteria and is asking for suggestions on projects that our club might be interested in. As a reminder here are some of the things that we already do that will count toward this award:

- Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy project opportunities (we did that last night!)
- Donate books to a local school, library, or food pantry (as described above, we donate books to both of our local community libraries)
- Award one or more scholarships to a student (we award scholarships to students at both local high schools and have plans to award scholarships at SMCC)
- Sponsor an Early Act Club, an Interact Club, or a Rotaract Club (we sponsor an Interact club at both high schools)
- Sponsor one or more youth to attend an educational event such as RYLA – we send numerous students to RYLA every year

In the Rotary year just ended we also supported programs in the schools such as Peace Jam and Hassle to Tassel, sponsored several camperships for elementary students, and paid tuition for a remedial program for an ESL student. I didn't write down all the suggestions that folks had last night (but Bill did) – if you have any ideas for ways that you would like to see us expand our efforts with education and literacy, please let Bill know.

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