

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 22, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 29 – Rick Lachapelle, Pawn Shops

April 5 – Kathleen Sutherland, WAC – Saudi Arabia

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

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 29</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>
Opening Words	Speh	Sturtevant	Swift-Kayatta
Raffle Gift	Geneseo	Hawes	Healey
Conductor	Knupp	Kubeck	Landry

Jim Britt won the raffle for the first time ever – a gift certificate to DiMillo's donated by Joanie.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 8 – District Training Assembly at USM – for incoming officers, Board and committee members and frankly anyone who wants to know more about Rotary. The club will pay the registration fee.

April 11 – Soup Kitchen

April 29 (Saturday) – 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

Welcome Back, Denis Landry!!

Happy Anniversary to Jack & Shari Roberts (April 3)

Get Well wishes to Michael Geneseo's father after receiving his new heart!

What Do the Duties Mean? – We have a lot of new members, so in case the schedule of duties above is too cryptic, here's what they mean:

- ❖ Opening Words – you've probably noticed that there has been a lot of variety with these (which is great!) – some people write something themselves and some people find something to quote from. It can be a prayer, a poem, something inspirational, the 4-Way Test, thoughts about spring, whatever!
- ❖ Raffle Gift – this involves donating the weekly raffle prize – it's usually in the \$25-30 neighborhood and often it's a gift certificate but it doesn't have to be.
- ❖ Conductor – this is the raffle conductor – the person who sits next to Kathy Cotter and sells tickets. It involves coming to the meeting at about 5:45 to start selling tickets.
- ❖ Not an official duty for anyone but Phil, but please consider staying a few minutes after the meeting ends to help Phil put things away – or if you arrive early you could help him set up.

President's Discretionary Fund – One of the line items in our club budget is the "Discretionary Fund." This fund allows every member of the club to make a donation of \$50 of the club's money to any charitable purpose that they choose. It can be your favorite charity (for example many people designate it for the Food Cupboard or the soup kitchen) or it can be someone down on their luck that you think is worthy of some financial help. All you have to do is either ask Nancy Irving to make out a check to the donee, or reimburse you if you have already donated.

The Anniversary Celebration Continues – This week Bill Daviero educated us about the cultural environment in 1917, the year that The Rotary Foundation began. Popular at that time were Mario Lanza (singing Santa Lucia and O Sole Mio), Mary Pickford, Lillian Gish, the Ziegfeld Follies, and a song about a horse. It seems that a jockey named Little Johnny Jones went to England and raced on a horse called Yankee Doodle. George M Cohan wrote a song about it which of course we all know as Yankee Doodle Dandy. Bill led us in a rousing rendition of it, but unfortunately the mariachi band which he had in the wings last week was not able to come back this week.

P.S. to those who were fact-checking Bill before he even sat down – The Star Spangled Banner was set to music many years after the lyrics were written. But apparently there were several versions of the melody so Woodrow Wilson commissioned some musicians (including John Philip Sousa) to come up with an official arrangement. That official arrangement debuted in ...1917.

Brunswick Landing – Our speaker this week was Steven Levesque, a member of the Brunswick Rotary Club and the Executive Director of MRRRA (Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority). The MRRRA is tasked with turning the former Brunswick Naval Air Station into a thriving business park. They are well on their way and have been able to replace almost 1,250 jobs so far. Since the new jobs are better-paying than the 5,000+ jobs that were lost, they have actually replaced almost 2/3 of the dollars those jobs represented. There are 100 different businesses at Brunswick Landing, 25 of which are new to Maine. Btw, the MRRRA does not do

any promotional activities in Maine – only out of state. And they won't allow a Maine business to relocate to the Landing unless they can demonstrate that their current community cannot accommodate their needs. Steve and the MRRA are targeting aerospace, information, composite and energy businesses. Since the property being developed at Brunswick Landing is no longer tax-exempt, the businesses there generate \$2.6 million in property taxes for Brunswick and Topsham each year.

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