

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 29, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 5 – Kathleen Sutherland, WAC – Saudi Arabia

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

April 19 – James McCarthy, Mainebiz

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>
Opening Words	Sturtevant	Swift-Kayatta	Tranfaglia
Raffle Gift	Hawes	Healey	N. Irving
Conductor	Kubeck	Landry	Leasure

Virginia Schmidt was the lucky winner of two tickets to the Flower Show donated by Mike Geneseo.

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. *Let Kathy Cotter know if you're planning to attend so that she can pay the registration fee for everyone.*

April 11 – Soup Kitchen

April 27 (Thursday); 4:45 – 8:00 (first hour is social only) – Visioning Workshop at South Portland Housing Authority for anyone interested in the Visioning process and how it can benefit the club.

April 29 (Saturday) – Planting at Fort Williams picnic shelter – there will be a sign-up.

April 29 – 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.

*Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better understanding?
Is it beneficial to all concerned?*

What's New With Our Members

Get Well Wishes to Ellie Speh as she recovers from hip surgery!

*Happy Birthday to
Mark Leasure (April 6)
Ellie Speh (April 8)*

*These two couples of lovebirds were married on exactly the same day,
April 11, 1970 - Happy Anniversary to:*

*Bill & Diane Anderson
Dan & Joan McDonald*

Food Drive at District Conference – to thank our host area at the District Conference this year, a food drive will be held to collect food for the local food pantry in Rockport. Nancy Irving will bring a container to club meetings between now and then if you would like to contribute.

More About the District Conference – Our District Conference this year will be at the Samoset in Rockport, Maine on Friday, May 19 through Sunday morning, May 21. The Samoset is giving us a discounted rate on hotel rooms which is available through April 18 so if you're planning to go, book your hotel room now (through the District website). The conference registration fee of \$265 covers *all meals* (2 dinner, 2 lunch, 2 breakfast). John LoBosco mentioned at this week's meeting that there will be a panel on opioid abuse. In addition to other interesting speakers, we will be entertained by comedian Juston McKinney who has performed on the Tonight Show and his own Comedy Central specials. The District Conference is a great way to learn more about Rotary, enjoy the attractions of the Midcoast and mainly enjoy being with other Rotarians.

Reverse Raffle Tickets – there will be a reverse raffle at the District Conference this year. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds will go to The Rotary Foundation (prizes are being donated by clubs). The best part is that it will be credited to your name with the Foundation. So if you haven't given to the Foundation yet in this Rotary year, a raffle ticket allows you to kill two birds with one stone – get a chance to win prizes AND make a donation to the Foundation (you can designate to Annual Fund or PolioPlus). If you're not attending the Conference you can get your raffle ticket from George Rice at gwrice@myfairpoint.net and someone will make sure you receive any prize that you win.

You're Never Alone When You're Reading a Book – Bev reported this week on some of the activities that our club has engaged in to qualify for the District's Literacy Award. There are 10 required activities and – being over-achievers – our Literacy Committee has accomplished at least 13. One of the big success stories was the Gently Used Book Drive conducted by the CEHS Interact club – they collected about 750 books! Of these, about 250 are brand new books which were donated by a publisher client of Bill Daviero's. The books are in Bev's garage currently and the club will be distributing them to organizations such as the Boys & Girls club in the next couple months.

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POLIO
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What is Polio?

“What’s Polio?” –Good question, Genevieve Carignan (who asked this question at the Foundation Anniversary Dinner), and you can see that Rotary’s End Polio Now website asks the same question. Here’s the answer that they give: “Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5.” They go on to cite 5 key facts:

1. Polio mainly affects children under age 5.
2. There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
3. Only three countries remain endemic (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria)
4. We’ve reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
5. Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.

They also quote Bill Gates: “The world’s progress in fighting polio might be one of the best-kept secrets in global health.” Our club and people donating in the name of club members have given \$17,542 so far this year towards polio eradication. That amounts to \$52,626 when you add the Gates match. Hopefully we are well on the way to a time when children all over the world will all be able to say “what’s polio?”

100 Years of The Rotary Foundation – the Polio Story – Polio eradication had already been established as a priority of Rotary when most of us joined the club, and we probably take it for granted that it was a good idea and why wouldn’t everyone want to do that. In reading the history of the Foundation, however, I learned that it wasn’t so simple; it meant a radical departure from the way that Rotary had always operated. In reading the whole story, it appears to be nothing short of a miracle that Rotary – and a few key Rotarians – had the courage to steer Rotary in that direction, and also to display the leadership necessary to convince our partner organizations that it could be done. For the next few weeks I will reprint excerpts from Doing Good In the World, the Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation’s First 100 Years by David C. Forward.

In September 1979, the 3-H Committee recommended that “Rotary International establish as a primary goal in the Health, Hunger and Humanity Program the eradication of poliomyelitis and alleviation of its consequences throughout the world.” The RI Board unanimously adopted the recommendation in November, 1979.

Rotarians Dr. Albert Sabin (developer of the oral polio vaccine) and Dr. John Sever (chief of infectious diseases at NIH) were so well respected in the public health community that they secured an entrée for Rotary to present its idea to WHO, The US CDC, Unicef and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

At its May, 1980 meeting, the 3-H Committee made a major decision: it recommended 2005, Rotary’s centennial year, as the target date for ridding the world of polio. The Board of Directors established 2005 as the goal two years later.

Rotary General Secretary Herbert Pigman, Dr. Sever and James Grant, UNICEF’s executive director, calculated that to eradicate the disease, each of the 100 million newborn children in the 125 polio-endemic countries would require 6 doses of oral polio vaccine for five consecutive years. At a bulk-purchase price of \$0.04 per dose, they arrived at a price tag of \$120 million.

No project, no program, nothing in Rotary's 81-year history had ever been conceived with even one-tenth of such a budget. If Rotary failed to raise the money, it could – at best – cause worldwide embarrassment for the organization and its members. If it succeeded, it could save 350,000 children every year from the dreadful scourges of polio – forever.

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