

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 10, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 17 – Club Assembly
May 24 – Rich Cantz & Brian Murphy, Goodwill
May 31 – Sybil Riemensnider, South Portland Food Cupboard

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Opening Words	Albert	Altenburg	D Bagdasarian
Raffle Gift	Landry	Leasure	L'Etoile
Conductor	McDonald	McGovern	Meyers

Dave Bagdasarian, who hasn't won in YEARS, won a gift certificate to C Salt donated by Isabell Kubeck.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

May 20 – Bug Light Open House, Kite Festival.

May 29 – Memorial Day Parade, Cape Elizabeth. The paper said we will be participating in the parade but it was news to us – stay tuned!

June 4 – Direct traffic/park cars at Girls On The Run annual race celebration.

June 10 – Work day at Partners for World Health, 40 Walch Street, Portland (off of Riverside Street – they've moved)

June 13 – Soup Kitchen

June 17 – Family Fun Day. Wanted: someone to volunteer to coordinate the club's fried dough sale on that day.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Mike Geneseo (May 20)

Happy Anniversary to Mike & MaryAnne Tranfaglia (May 19)

Thank you to Tony & Jack for spending many long hours painting the palmettos which will go at the top of Bug Light.

Soup Kitchen – We learned this week why it's important to give a good head count at the Soup Kitchen. If they don't know that an adequate number of volunteers will be attending, the meal plan is to serve hot dogs & beans, which is what we did this week. However had they known that we would have more than enough volunteers, the guests would have had a much more nutritious and tasty meal. Serving this week were:

- Paul Butler
- Joe Conroy
- Kathy Cotter
- Denis Landry & Kathy
- David Lourie
- Dick Yerxa
- Bill York
- 6 Students from CEHS
- 4 Students from SPHS + Interact adviser Jennifer Major

Clean Energy – Our speaker this week was Dr. Harry “Dutch” Dresser, founding director of Maine Energy Systems. The company distributes biomass boilers and furnaces designed and manufactured in Austria. Although biomass refers to the pellets that we normally think of as being used in pellet stoves, these are NOT pellet stoves. Our own energy expert Laurenz Schmidt almost seemed like a plant in the audience as he concurred with Dutch in promoting the advantages of biomass energy. Although it costs about the same as oil, its main advantages are:

1. It is virtually carbon neutral, and
2. It supports local industry, i.e. the forest products industry.

What Have We Done? – As we approach the end of the year, it's nice to look back on some of our accomplishments this year. Here are some of the actions that the Board has taken on our behalf in the past few months:

- 💰 Donated \$500 to Safe Passage, an organization that helps feed and educate children living in the city dump in Guatemala City, founded by the late Hanley Denning of Yarmouth.
- 💰 Sponsored a South Portland Little League major league team, as well as a minor league team, and provided \$100 toward Little League scholarships.
- 💰 Donated \$500 to Friends of Long Creek Development Center.
- 💰 Gave \$3,000 to Shelter Box USA, an organization that provides emergency housing, etc. in disaster areas. This is enough to buy 3 shelter boxes.
- 💰 Helped the Portland Club sponsor a local student in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program (\$1,000).

- 💰 Donated \$500 to Partners for World Health, the organization that we will be helping to sort equipment on June 10. PWH collects medical “waste” (much of it has never been taken out of the package!) and distributes it to developing countries.
- 💰 Gave \$1,000 to the Portland Rotary Club for its program with Dr. Roger Fagan to distribute hearing aids, artificial hands and water filters in the Dominican Republic.
- 💰 Established two Rotary Scholarships at SMCC (\$1,500 each) to be awarded to immigrant, refugee or asylum seeker status students, such as the students from Burundi who visited us last year. We also donated \$500 to SMCC’s Bookstore fund.

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