

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

May 17 & 24, 2017

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 31 – Sybil Riemensnider, South Portland Food Cupboard – WE ARE MEETING AT THE FOOD CUPBOARD!!!!

June 7 – CEHS Students, Peace Jam

June 14 – Carol Walker Aten, Lift 360

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 31</u>	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>
Opening Words	D Bagdasarian	F Bagdasarian	Bates
Raffle Gift	L'Etoile	Livingston	LoBosco
Conductor	Meyers	Murphy	Mutty

*May 17 - Nicole Albert was generously rewarded for her lovely poem about spring (actually Billy Collins' poem – she just read it) with the raffle prize – a gift certificate to Broadway Gardens donated by Denis Landry.*

*May 24 - Mark Leasure donated a \$25 gift certificate to DiMillo's on the Water and promptly won it back after his number was drawn by Brian Murphy.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**June 4** – Direct traffic/park cars at Girls On The Run annual race celebration. See sign-up online. This is a pretty painless service project yet VERY much appreciated by Girls On The Run. We wowed them last year with our parking expertise!

**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*

- ★ David Rogers (May 28)
- ★ Jacki Farrell (May 29)
- ★ Michele Danois (May 31)
- ★ Rich Daniels (June 4)

*Happy Anniversary to*

- 🍰 Kathy & Alan Ray (June 2)
- 🍰 David & Joyce Lourie (June 3)

*Our sincere condolences to Frank Butterworth on the death of his mother at the age of 98.*

*Congratulations to Sybil Riemensnider, who was recognized this month by both the City of South Portland and the State Legislature for her accomplishments at the South Portland Food Cupboard!*

*Thank you to Bill Daviero for agreeing to coordinate our fundraiser at Family Fun Day - we will be selling fried dough, doughboys and "pizza frite."*

*Did You Know? - that ClubRunner has an app? Check it out and download it for free - an easy way to look up contact info for your fellow Rotarians.*

*Thank you to Tom Meyers for doing such an excellent job writing the stories below from this week's meeting. This week's issue is a double issue because of the District Conference last weekend.*

**Club Protection Policy** – Last week (after many delays!) our Club Protection Officer Fran Bagdasarian finally got a chance to make a presentation to us about our club protection policy. (If you want to read the policy itself go to the Members Only section of our webpage and select Club Operations Documents. The "Youth Protection Policy" is the last policy listed in the Policies list on the lefthand side of the page.) The policy applies to children, young adults, and other vulnerable people such as the elderly and disabled. A general rule of thumb is to avoid one-on-one encounters with protected persons. The bottom line is that we should be aware of and challenge inappropriate behavior.

**Thank You for Plowing our Streets, Mowing our Parks, etc.** – Last week we hosted “Thank You” luncheons to the town and city staff of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland who – unheralded - take care of their respective communities and support many of our club's activities. For example, in Cape Elizabeth the club has donated many “things” over the years to Fort Williams (such as the picnic shelter and recent improvements and landscaping, Children's Garden, flagpoles, etc.) BUT the task of routine upkeep and maintenance falls to town staff. Similarly, the Public Works Department and Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Departments in South Portland provide countless hours preparing and dismantling Mill Creek for our Christmas Tree sale as well as WinterFest activities. In both communities these are the folks who do these “extras” along with maintaining our streets, parks, and other municipal facilities all year long.

Helping out with the lunches were:

- ✂ Bev Altenburg (SP)
- ✂ Bill Anderson (both)
- ✂ Dan Davidson (both)
- ✂ Joanie Frustaci (both)
- ✂ Nancy Hawes (both)
- ✂ Isabell Kubeck (CE)
- ✂ Sarah Piper (CE)
- ✂ David Rogers (CE)
- ✂ Anne Swift-Kayatta (SP)

And expertly overseeing everything was **Tom Meyers** – thanks!!

**Show Me Your Rotary** – That was the theme of the District Conference at the Samoset this weekend. Enjoying the FANTASTIC weather that Marge arranged and the fabulous views at the conference were:

- Marge Barker & her daughter Jeanette Shade
- Bill & Diane Anderson
- Nancy & Scott Irving
- John & Sue LoBosco
- Fran Bagdasarian
- Nancy Hawes

**Some conference odds & ends:**

- ✓ The district collected 162 pounds of food and \$200 in monetary donations for the local food pantry.
- ✓ Nancy Irving and Sue LoBosco won prizes in the “reverse” raffle (Sue won twice!)
- ✓ Our club’s polio giving received special mention in the Foundation report at the business meeting.
- ✓ Marge’s Assistant Governors crowned her.
- ✓ John did a masterful job as Sergeant-at-Arms/Lost & Found Coordinator, making announcements such as “we’re no longer looking for the owner of this lost black pen, because it turns out it doesn’t work.”

**Portland Breakwater Lighthouse (aka Bug Light) News** – While some of our club was at the Samoset, others were opening our pride and joy for the Kite Festival, which was a great success. Participating docents and helpers included David Lourie, Anamaria Gonzalez Salguero, Sue Sturtevant, Doug Schauf, Mark Leasure, Ursula Schmidt, Virginia Schmidt, and Bill York. We collected \$74 in donations (we neither encourage nor discourage them). Also, Jack Roberts allowed a couple to have special sunset dinner in the lighthouse and they donated \$100 for the 1.5 hours they were there.

**Welcome home!** We welcomed back – permanently – Anamaria who reports that the highlight of her three months in Texas was the “Rotary family” she found there, and coming back to Maine is a good thing. We also were happy to welcome back from Florida snowbird Alec Livingston as well as lapsed club member Brian Murphy who accompanied tonight’s speaker.

**New Board members** – Sue Sturtevant announced that Bob Knupp will be next year’s Community Services director and Laurenz Schmidt will be membership director.

**Much more than a Store** – Our speaker on May 24 was Rich Cantz, Senior Vice President of Strategic Development & Public Policy for Goodwill Industries of Northern New England covering Maine, New Hampshire and the Northern Kingdom of Vermont. Goodwill was formed in 1902 in Boston to help new Americans seeking employment, and expanded to Maine in 1933 to help assist people in seeking and securing jobs. There are 165 Goodwill organizations world-wide that share the Goodwill “brand,” but are all are very independent 501(c)3 corporations. Because they can be so different, their moniker is “If you’ve seen one Goodwill operation, you’ve seen one Goodwill operation.”



The NNE territory has 30 retail stores from the BIG one in South Portland near the Maine Mall to a very small one in Falmouth to the CRAZY Buy-the-Pound outlet center in Gorham. But Goodwill is much more than the stores. The stores provide social working capital for many purposes including employment opportunities, 25 group homes for people with disabilities, and services for people with acquired brain injuries.

There are several community-based Goodwill programs that most people are less familiar with than the stores. For example, every day over 100 people with intellectual disabilities who want to work participate in the Lifeworks program which provides meaningful jobs for them. Goodwill Property Services is a cleaning company with over 150 employees that provides time-flexible, transitional work. They have contracts to clean everything from large federal facilities such as the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to a small chiropractic office. And the beauty of being an independent, regional Goodwill office is that the excess revenue from these profitable businesses can be used for other social enterprises or other programs needed in the local area. For example, Goodwill NeuroRehabilitation Services offers comprehensive brain injury services and treatment options for individuals with acquired brain injuries. These services help individuals increase their independence within their home and community environments.

Job Connections is a program where underemployed persons, or people with an addiction or



other personal circumstances who find it hard to get a job, undergo job and workforce development to enhance their opportunities to land employment. Workforce Career Centers up and down the coast assisted over 40,000 people last year.



Photos from the Public Works lunches (SP above and CE below). Cutting the cakes were President Bill and City Councilor Maxine Beecher (SP) and Public Works Director Bob Malley (CE). Thank you, Dan Davidson, for the photos.



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