

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
November 9, 2016

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 16 – Club Assembly – TREES!

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve – No Meeting

November 30 – Kim Campbell, Youth Librarian, South Portland Public Library

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>November 16</u>	<u>November 30</u>	<u>December 7</u>
Opening Words	McGovern	Meyers	Murphy
Raffle Gift	Butler	Butterworth	Callahan
Conductor	Conroy	Danielson	Daniels

*Jack Roberts won a gift certificate to C Salt donated by Jim Britt.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**November 18 (Friday), 6 p.m.** – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club at Bridgton Academy, \$35pp – email Emma Bodwell ([ebodwell@icloud.com](mailto:ebodwell@icloud.com)) if interested.

**November 25 (Friday) – TREE SALE STARTS!!**

## *What's New With Our Members*

*Our deepest condolences to John LoBosco on the death of his father.*

*Happy Birthday (Nov. 17) - and continuing get well wishes to Denis Landry!*

*Get well wishes to former member and friend Jack Kennealy as he recovers from surgery.*

*Happy Birthday also to our District Governor Marge (Nov. 27)*

*Happy Anniversary (30 years!) to Tony Wagner and Sally Campbell (Nov. 22)*

*Congratulations to Annie Russell on being our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow!*

*Congratulations to...ME for winning the football pool. I beat Adrienne and Bob Knupp in the tie-breaker. Based on the track record of people who have won, it appears that the key to winning is to put as little thought into it as possible.*

**Welcome John!** – Last week we welcomed John Doxsee into the club. John is a past president of the Rotary Club of Islip, New York, where he was very active with the club's youth exchange program. John is retired from the insurance and real estate business and recently moved to South Portland. He joined our club as a way of becoming involved in the community (you came to the right place, John!). Welcome to SP-CE Rotary!

**This Week's Rotary Meeting -** I wish I had had a tape recorder to capture Jim Britt's eloquent words at this week's meeting about the importance of fellowship (that guy should be in communications or something!) It truly is a blessing to be part of a community that is so supportive and caring. Joining us for the special celebration of Jim's life were:

- \* Tori Russell – Tori graduated from Goucher College in May and is working for the Baltimore Health department.
- \* Annie Russell – Annie is a junior at Loyola in Baltimore, majoring in accounting (smart girl!)
- \* Past District Governor Marie Williams and her husband Bruce. Marie was the District Governor the year that Jim was our club president; they drove up from Kittery to be with us last night.
- \* Sue LoBosco, who conveyed John's regrets that he couldn't join us.
- \* Bill Phillips – Bill was part of Jim's Saturday running group and was a member of the club until recently.
- \* Past President Rick Dobson, who described Jim as a "gentle giant."
- \* Past President Janet McLaughlin
- \* Jim Welch, warehouse manager of the South Portland Food Cupboard – Jim W knew Jim R through church and the food cupboard.

"You had to be there" so I won't try to relate all the wonderful stories that were told about Jim but it was truly a very special meeting.

**THANK YOU VETERANS!!!!** – The Portland Rotary club held a lunch yesterday to thank all veterans. Attending from our club were Dan Davidson (who took the photos), Tony Wagner and Joe Conroy. Also attending but not pictured since she was sitting at the Bath Savings table was Sarah Piper.



**Making Your Mouth Water** – This week I can fill in a few more details about the Polio DineAround dinners last weekend. At **Tony/Sally's** house they had roast loin of pork with blueberry pie and ice cream for dessert. Guests were **Sarah & Jake Piper, Jackie Farrell, Mark Leasure** (photos last week were by Mark) and **John Doxsee**. What a great opportunity for these new members to get to know each other! The **Kayattas** served grilled steak and salmon, with frosted brownies and ice cream for dessert (and I already told you last week how good the bread was!). Guests were **Dan & Edie Davidson, Doug & Dana Schauf**, and me. There is another dinner on Tuesday at the Mooers' house, with two more to be scheduled at a later date. I'll give a report on the dollars next week.

**How Close is "This Close?"** by Michael McGovern (*reprinted from Zone 24&32 November Newsletter*) – It was shortly after I began a career as Cape Elizabeth town manager that I was asked to join Rotary and to give money to eradicate polio. Now, 31 years later, the municipal career is ending but polio continues. A few people had asked me over the last few years when I planned to retire from Cape Elizabeth but many more have asked when we will finish polio. I was always evasive on the retirement question as I had not made up my mind, and it is safe to say that the polio virus is equally tough to pin down.

The trend is clear. We had 74 cases last year and we are below 30 this year as I write this in mid-October. In the last few months I have had the opportunity to meet twice with the health ministers of Nigeria and Pakistan and to meet key Afghani health officials at a partnership meeting. They deeply share our commitment to end polio. The governments are devoting financial and human resources and all understand their significant historic role in eradicating the disease. Yet, the maps of their countries each show pockets of inaccessible areas, albeit now quite small in Pakistan. The governments, the partners in the polio eradication effort, religious leaders and others all seek to influence anti-government elements to protect the health of all children. There was a recent success in Afghanistan when one holdout village with one-third of the country's cases permitted local health workers to provide polio drops, thus leading the way to immunity.

Reaching similar villages is a task that thousands of vaccinators and social mobilizers devote every day to in the hope of progress. Meanwhile, if one village has polio, we are all susceptible to its reach. We need to continue to build up immunity in many countries where polio may return as immunity levels are not as high as they should be and where surveillance is not as robust. Your donations are paying for this all-out effort to corner the virus so that there is no exit. Your advocacy is crucial in having the governments of the world continue their investments.

In November, RI President John Germ, President-Elect Ian Riseley and I will be visiting the Gates Foundation in Seattle to review our partnership and to evaluate what more Rotary can do working with Gates and the other partners to eradicate polio. (*Editor's note – they met on Tuesday of this week.*) UNICEF, the CDC, WHO, the Gates Foundation and Rotarians will be in the endemic countries trying to get the drops into the mouths of children. In this Rotary Foundation month in our centennial year, please consider making your contribution. Let's make "this close" become a slogan of the past.

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