

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
October 26, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 2 – Denis Landry, Volunteer Work at Haiti Orphanage
November 9 – Mary Irace, Simple Gifts
November 16 – Club Assembly – TREES!
November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve – No Meeting
November 30 – Kim Campbell, Youth Librarian, South Portland Public Library

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>
Opening Words	Gonzalez	McDonald	McGovern
Raffle Gift	Bates	Britt	Butler
Conductor	Callahan	Carignan	Conroy

A gift certificate to DiMillo's donated by Mark Leasure was won by the last person to buy a ticket – Tony Wagner.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 3 (Thursday) – District Visioning Event in Portsmouth. (This doesn't seem to be on the District website – email Marge or Tony if you're interested and want details.)

November 4, 5 & 15 – Polio DineAround dinners

November 5 – Rotary Leadership Institute in Lewiston – open to all Rotarians who want to learn more about Rotary – registration link on District 7780 website.

November 8 (Tuesday) – Soup Kitchen

November 10 (Thursday) – District 7780 Centennial Celebration “100 for 100,” Marriott at Sable Oaks, register on District 7780 website.

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

What's New With Our Members

As proof of karma, Ray Healey, whose picks were miscounted last week, won the football pool for Week 7 - congratulations!

Congratulations to Tom & Marti Meyers on the birth of their granddaughter Natalie!

Thank you to Jack Roberts for giving 78 pre-K - 4th grade students from Westbrook a tour of Bug Light.

Thank you to Kerstin Kirschner of the Saco Bay club for her donation to the Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus at last spring's District Conference auction, and to the club members who gave her a tour of Portland Head Light and Bug Light (the prize she won).

Congratulations to US - we were notified by ShelterBox USA that our club is a "ShelterBox Hero" by virtue of our continuing support.

Thank you to the hosts and guests of the upcoming Polio Dine Around dinners!

Progress!! –

- Picnic Shelter - Construction on the landscaping started this week – if you get a chance, go check it out. Catherine reports it will look great.
- Bug Light – we received the pieces that are needed to replace the broken palmettos at the top of Bug Light.
- BIG Check – Our club donates approximately 10% of net profits from the tree sale and WinterFest to The Rotary Foundation – this year's amount is \$6,500 and we symbolically represented sending in our paper check with a presentation of the Big Check this week.

Report from Veterans Committee (by Dan Davidson, Maine Homeless Veterans Committee Chair)

My sincere thanks to all members for their hard work: Tom Meyers, Tony Wagner, Paul Butler, Doug Schauf, Bob Knupp. Each member of the committee has worked diligently to provide needed assistance to Maine's homeless veterans and to our contacts at the Maine V.A. And heartfelt thanks also to Club members who have supported these efforts with Club funds and other assistance.

Names in parentheses indicate committee members who purchased/obtained listed items. ALL items are essentially "unmet V.A. needs" and were requested by our contacts at the V.A. in

Togus, Maine, who also provided the distribution priorities/percentages to be spent from our total budget.

- Dunkin Donuts cards (91 \$5 cards)(Paul Butler)
- 75 toothbrushes (donated by David Bagdasarian)
- 75 razors (15 for women) (Dan Davidson)
- 75 deodorants (15 for women) (Dan Davidson)
- Ziplock baggies (Dan Davidson)
- Numerous Queen-size bed sets (Doug Schauf)
- Numerous Pillows (Doug Schauf)
- Wal-Mart gift cards (86 \$20 cards) (Bob Knupp)
- ZOOM local transportation passes (400 \$5 passes; 55 were donated free by ZOOM) (Tom Meyers)
- Efforts to obtain needed individual items from Club members (Tony Wagner)
- Publicity efforts as occurring (Dan Davidson)
- Assistance with VA2K awareness-raising event in the spring (Doug Schauf)

The Club provided an initial \$5650; individual donations increased this total to \$6300 at the outset of the year. We have spent in this initial effort \$6279.70. Thanks to a recent additional donation of \$200, we now have \$220.30 remaining to finish up the year next spring.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ESSENTIAL HELP FOR OUR VETERANS.

LAST CALL!!! – The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration, 100 for 100, our district celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100 years of charitable giving, will take place at the Marriott Sable Oaks in South Portland on Thursday, November 10, beginning with cocktails at 6 pm and dinner served in the ballroom at 6:45. District Governor Marge Barker and Event Chair Ann Lee Hussey have a wonderful event planned. A number of our club's members already plan to attend. If possible, please sign up for this special event and help our fellow club member Marge have a successful event.

Sam Owori of Uganda will be the keynote speaker. Sam is a former trustee of the Foundation and a good friend of our club members Dan Mooers and Mike McGovern. Sam will be president of Rotary International in 2018-2019 (the same year John LoBosco will serve as the district's governor). The meal will have an international flair, with 4 food stations featuring food from around the world, including New England. In addition to Sam's talk, festivities will include inspirational videos, displays of Foundation projects, a selfie station, and plenty of fun and fellowship. A good time will be had by all!

Cost is \$100 per person (of which \$26.50 will be contributed in your name to The Rotary Foundation). Please let John LoBosco, lobosco@maine.rr.com, know if you (as well as your spouse or significant other) can attend as he will be helping to coordinate table assignments. You can either forward checks payable to Rotary to John at 21 Fessenden Rd, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107 or register and pay online at the district website, rotary7780.org.

If You Can Read This... – Bev reported on the activities of the Literacy Committee. Besides Bev, the committee consists of:

- * Ali Carignan
- * Marc Bates
- * Dan Davidson
- * Bill Daviero
- * Joan Frustaci

As we learned this summer, the district will be presenting an award to any club which completes 10 of the specified projects, as well as participating in National Reading Day on March 2. Our club is well on its way, already having completed:

- ✓ A new member with a classification of Literacy (Marc Bates)
- ✓ Donation of books to our local libraries
- ✓ Funding high school scholarships
- ✓ Sponsoring a youth event (RYLA)
- ✓ Sponsoring the Interact clubs at our 2 high schools
- ✓ Partnering with other clubs for a literacy event (the district work party at Ruth's Reusable Resources last month)
- ✓ Devoting a club program to literacy opportunities (we did that tonight and at a club assembly this summer)

If you were counting, we have completed 7 out of 10 projects and we have 2 in the works:

- ✓ Our speaker on November 30 will be the youth librarian from SPPL
- ✓ Box for Books – we received a donation of books “left over” from the Book Fair at Pond Cove School – we will be distributing them to appropriate donees (food pantries, etc.)








There are also some projects in the planning stages including a potential gently used book drive in conjunction with the Interact clubs. Thanks to Bev and the Committee for doing this important work!

WinterFest! – Bev then switched hats and told us what's been going on with the WinterFest planning. She and Scott are co-chairing the event but they realized that too few people have been making all the decisions in the past so they created a team to spread out responsibility. The WF Leadership team consists of:

- * Bev – operations
- * Scott, assisted by Mark L. – sales tracking, budgeting, etc. (i.e. anything involving a spreadsheet)
- * Ellie – Thursday night party at Verbena
- * Anne – Celebrate Knightville event
- * Dave Bags & Phil – Friday night's activities
- * Doug – Saturday's activities
- * Jim B – Radio
- * Tony – banners
- * TBD – Publicity

The sales team has already raised half of the 35,000 sponsorships goal – thanks go to everyone who has helped with this. New this year will be an ice-fishing derby at Hinckley Park in SP with a Maine game warden on hand (*will we be on North Woods Law?!?!*)

Last but Not Least (our club is going to have to slow down – our bulletin is getting crazy long!) – the new flagpole at Portland Head Light was dedicated last week. Our club, along with Bath Savings Institution, paid for the new flagpole. Pictured below at the ceremony are

-  Tony Wagner
-  Jeanne Gross (Portland Head Light Museum Manager)
-  Ellie Speh
-  Sarah Piper
-  Anne Marie McCoubrey (Bath Savings Institution , Vice President and Branch Manager)
-  Bill Anderson
-  Bev Altenburg

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