

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
September 14, 2016

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 21 – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust  
September 28 – Speaker from CIEE – *at Portland Players*

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sept. 21</u>	<u>Sept. 28</u>	<u>October 5</u>
Opening Words	S. Irving	Landry	Leasure
Raffle Gift	York	Altenburg	Anderson
Conductor	D. Bagdasarian	F. Bagdasarian	Bates

*Dick Yerxa donated the raffle prize of a gift certificate to DiMillo's which was won by Mike McGovern*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**September 17** – District work project at Ruth's Reusable Resources – sign up on District 7780 website

**September 21** – Board meeting following the regular club meeting.

**September 22 (Thursday)** – Tours of Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn

## *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Anniversary to new member Marc Bates and his wife Robin - 15 years on September 22!*

*Congratulations to Dave Bagdasarian for winning Week One of the Rotary Football Pool with 11 correct picks (out of 14)!*

*Thank you to our social media representative Anamaria. Clubrunner limits how many photos I can include in this bulletin but you can see lots of pictures of last night's meeting on Facebook.*

**Welcome to Rotary!** – Tonight we welcomed Marc Bates to our club. Marc and his wife Robin moved to Maine from California 5 ½ years ago. They have an online business called Jewel's Custom Books which publishes children's books that are personalized with the child's name. Marc and Robin have three children age 4 and under who have been adopted (or in process of being adopted) after coming to them as foster children. Doug Schauf will be serving as Marc's sponsor & mentor. Welcome Marc and Robin!

**Soup's On!** – We had a slim volunteer turnout at the Soup Kitchen this week but thanks to some non-Rotary volunteers (and using paper plates!) a crisis was averted. A big thank you to those who showed up to help:

- ✓ David Lourie
- ✓ Kathy Cotter
- ✓ Ray Healey
- ✓ Bill York
- ✓ Paul Butler
- ✓ Dick Yerxa
- ✓ Bob Knupp
- ✓ Joe Conroy

**Maine Open Lighthouse Day!** – Our club opened up Bug Light on Saturday for Maine Open Lighthouse Day. Several hundred visitors (from as far away as Australia!) enjoyed learning about the lighthouse and enjoying the view from the top.



Tom explaining the "brains" of the light

The Norwegian Dawn heads back out to sea



**Hunger Action Month** – I don't know if it was planned or serendipity but September is Hunger Action Month and our speaker this week was Becky Wright, Development Director of the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Becky is a former Rotarian and interested in joining the Freeport Club.

Maine ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in hunger – 17% of Mainers (208,000 people) have food insecurity. The Good Shepherd Food Bank helped to address that last year by collecting 25 million pounds of food and distributing it through 400 partners – food cupboards & pantries, schools, etc. Becky described three of the Food Bank's specialized programs:

- \* **"Backpack" Program** – sends students home with a bag of food on Fridays so that they will have something to eat over the weekend. They select food that is easy to prepare since many times the child himself will have to cook his meals.
- \* **Mainers Feeding Mainers** – the Food Bank pays farmers for their crops; in addition the farmers actually donate almost as much as they sell to the program. This program was in the news recently because of a \$3 million grant from FAME to expand this program to fishermen and livestock growers.
- \* **Cooking Matters** – this course consists of a series of 6 classes which teach people how to shop and cook so that they can make the most of their money.

**100 Years of The Rotary Foundation – Evolving Objectives** – Throughout its 100-year history, Rotarians' and the Foundation's concepts of how it could be used to further international peace and goodwill have progressed, with various programs having come and gone (for example Ambassadorial Scholarships and Group Study Exchange). Here's where the Foundation stood about 70 years ago:

Following World War II, the clubs struggled with the concept of international service. With this in mind, Rotary leaders rewrote the Foundation's immediate objectives so that every Rotarian and individual club could support international service by donating to the clearly outlined Rotary Foundation activities:

1. Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study
2. The extension of Institutes of International Understanding (*sort of like today's TED talks*) in nations where they have not been developed.
3. The fostering of any tangible and effective projects which have as their purpose the furthering of better understanding and friendly relations between the peoples of different nations, such as: assisting Rotary clubs in obtaining speakers who can discuss with authority world agencies organized within the United Nations Organization.
4. The providing of emergency relief for Rotarians and their families wherever war or other disaster has brought general destitution and suffering.

From *Doing Good In The World, the Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years* by David C. Forward.

Editor's Note: Item #4 above is something I was unaware of since The Rotary Foundation is now focused on reaching out to others, but shortly after World War II, the Foundation sent 3,484 care packages to families of Rotarians in Europe whose lives had been devastated by the war.

**The Children's Garden is Open!!** – Friday was a beautiful day for the grand opening of the Children's Garden. Our club's contribution was recognized in the remarks made by dignitaries and several club members were on hand for the occasion. Since everyone was grouped around the Council Ring for the ceremony, I could only get pictures of people's backsides! See whose backs you recognize in the photo (several Rotarians and family members are right in the middle closest to the camera).



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