

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 7, 2016

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 14 – Rebecca Wright, Good Shepherd Food Bank
September 21 – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
September 28 – Speaker from CIEE – *at Portland Players*

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sept. 14</u>	<u>Sept. 21</u>	<u>Sept. 28</u>
Opening Words	Knupp	S. Irving	Landry
Raffle Gift	Yerxa	York	Altenburg
Conductor	Piper	D. Bagdasarian	F. Bagdasarian

This week's raffle gift was some of the Saco Bay Sunset Club's glasses with their version of the 4-Way Test donated by Tony. The lucky (?) winner was David Lourie who sold them to the highest bidder, Jack Roberts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 9 at 4:30 – Grand Opening of Children's Garden at Fort Williams – ***PLEASE COME!!***

September 10 – Bug Light will be open for Maine Open Lighthouse Day

September 13 – Soup Kitchen. *Sign-ups were spotty this week; please come to help if you can.*

September 17 – District work project at Ruth's Reusable Resources – sign up on District 7780 website (or in the email you should have received from Kerstin Kirchner)

September 21 – Board meeting following the regular club meeting.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Jim Russell (September 15)

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Edie Davidson - also on Sept. 15

Welcome back, Anamaria!

Hello to us (by way of Joe Conroy) from former member and Past President John Eliassen.

A Simple Gift – our club presented a “big check” for \$1,000 (they already received the little one!) to Simple Gifts, an organization that provides limited financial support and encouragement to patients and their loved ones who are experiencing a medical crisis. Our donation will pay for gas and food cards, which will help families whose breadwinner is in the hospital, or who have to travel several miles to visit their family member in the hospital. Joining us to accept the check were board President Mary Irace, Vice-President Sue Hilton and Treasurer Anthony Irace. (Pictured are Sue on the left and Mary in the middle.)

p.s. Mary’s mother is an artist and has painted a picture of our tree lot at Mill Creek which is incredibly charming. Mary presented President Bill with copies of the painting in 3 different sizes.

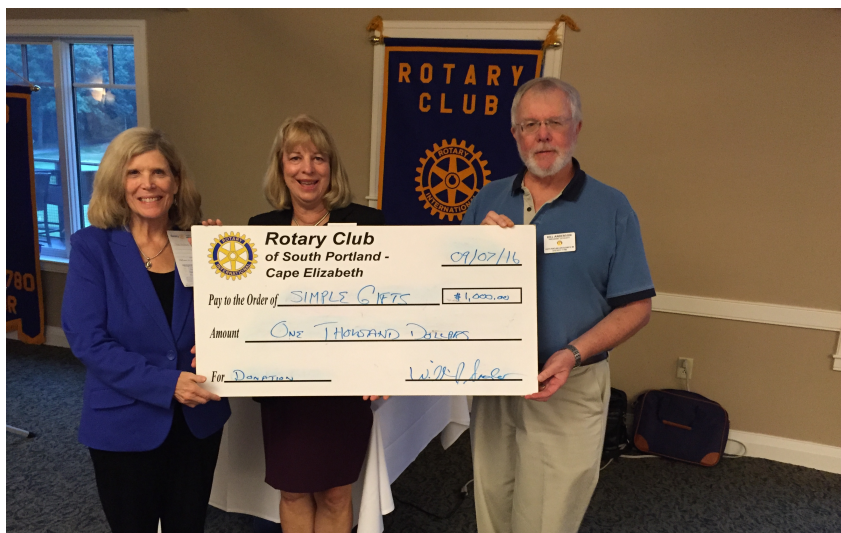


Photo courtesy of Dan Davidson

Let the Headbanging Begin! – As I write this we are just a few short hours away from the start of the NFL season. The brain trust of Bill York, John LoBosco and Chuck Redman have come up with a way to blend our competitive natures and a boost to our Foundation giving. Here’s how it works:

- Pay \$50 to enter, payable to The Rotary Foundation (works out to \$3 per week for 17 weeks). You’re not too late to get in – bring your check next week or mail it to me (Nancy Hawes).
- You will make your picks each week on a form that you can hand or email to Chuck, John or Bill. (Presumably they will start emailing out the forms so that if you can’t make it to a meeting, it doesn’t become a fire drill.)
- For the first week at least (not sure about succeeding weeks), it does not include the Thursday night game so you have until Sunday morning to submit your picks.
- Each week’s winner will win a mini-replica of the Lombardy Trophy, which he or she will have to turn over to the following week’s winner.
- The season’s winner will get their name on the trophy and get to keep it until the following season.

“A Joyful Place” – That’s what stood out to me from my notes about last night’s program. Nicole Avery, Executive Director of the Cancer Community Center in South Portland said that in spite of what you might think since it serves patients and families affected by cancer, that it really is a joyful place. Unlike the clinical setting where cancer patients spend so much of their time, the Center is a comfortable place that focuses on emotional support (through 14 different support groups) and help in dealing with the stress of the illness. They treat the stress and anxiety through yoga, tai chi, pilates, meditation, acupuncture, reflexology, Reiki and massage. The Center serves about 1200 people per year, but there are many more patients and their families in southern Maine who are not using their services. They are exploring ways to use technology to reach more people, and are trying to spread the word as much as possible.

Winter Fest Solicitation Paraphernalia – in addition to the soft copy brochure that Bev sent out, she has hard copy brochures if you need them. We also have WinterFest stationery if you need that to assist with your asks (contact Kathy Cotter – I think – if you need stationery).

A Message from Rotary’s International PolioPlus Chair, aka Mike McGovern
(reprinted from Zone 24/32 Newsletter)

Dear Rotary Friends,

August 11th will be remembered by many of us as the day polio eradication got both a kick in the stomach and a shot in the arm. The “kick” was the report of two new polio cases in Nigeria after 25 months of no cases in Africa. The “shot in the arm” is the impetus that this has given us to upgrade surveillance in Nigeria and in other countries in the Lake Chad basin.

On August 13, Dr. Tunji Funsho, our Nigerian National Polio Chair, wrote to me; *“As the initial shock wave dissipates it's getting clearer in my view that this is a blessing in disguise. Complacency has flown out of the window and some gaps have been exposed. Seeing that the virus has been circulating for about five years, it's obvious that this outbreak response will be more extensive and of better quality as it is being planned with WHO.”*

He wrote the next day of an extensive meeting he had attended with the Minister of Health at which everyone renewed their commitment to do all that is necessary to end polio in the region.

The message that Dr. Tunji gives to all of us is that this 30-plus-year commitment to end polio has never been easy. Rotarians for years have given and raised money, advocated to governments and have directly immunized children. We cannot assume that we have done enough to get the job done. We have done a lot but the job is not done. Thank you for continuing to give and for seeing this through to the end.

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