

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 18, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 25 – Scott Morelli, South Portland City Manager

May 2 – Fran Bagdasarian, Classification Talk

May 9 – Jeff Shedd, Principal, Cape Elizabeth High School

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 25</u>	<u>May 2</u>	<u>May 9</u>
Opening Words	U Schmidt	V Schmidt	Speh
Raffle Gift	Davidson	Daviero	Desmond
Conductor	Gonzalez	Hawes	Healey

Brand new member Matt McAleney is off to a good start, winning the raffle prize of a gift certificate to Easy Day – congratulations but don't make a habit of it!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 26, 6 – 8 p.m. – “Vision to Plan” workshop at South Portland Housing Authority, 100 Waterman Drive

April 28-29 – Bug Light clean-up & work on garden.

May 4-6 – District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

May 8 – Soup Kitchen

May 16, 11 - 1 – VA2K Walk/Run, Portland VA Clinic

May 16 – Board meeting, following regular meeting

June 3, 7:30 a.m – Parking cars for Girls on the Run, Cumberland County Fairgrounds

June 12 - Seniors lunch – more details in upcoming weeks.

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to
Bill Daviero (April 25)
Joan Frustaci (April 27)
Hugh O'Shea (May 1)

Gracias from Dan McDonald to everyone who brought in medications for his daughter to take to Central America.

Thank you to David Lourie and everyone else who participated in the process of drafting, modifying and finalizing our Club Fundraising Policy.

Welcome (Back) to SPCE Rotary!! – This week we welcomed returning member Matt McAleney. Matt grew up and still lives in South Portland. He left South Portland to attend Roger Williams University, but came back to work in the family business, New Meadows Lobster. He now sells real estate for the Maine Real Estate Network. Matt took a break from Rotary, during which time he married Becky and had two adorable daughters. WELCOME BACK, MATT!

Bug Light Clean-up – Bill York has recruited several club members to do clean-up at Bug Light Park from 10 -2 on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 (i.e. this weekend). The work party on Saturday will be followed by a cookout at the LoBoscas (21 Fessenden Road, CE). They're predicting good weather for working outdoors this weekend, so feel free to come on out and join them even if you haven't signed up!

Pyramid of Peace – President Sue has been diligently slaving away at the monumental task of recording everything our club does. Her report on our activities was submitted to the District to apply for a Pyramid of Peace award. In compiling the report, Sue counted up 27 major service projects (some with sub-components as well!) and over 2,800 volunteer hours!! Well done!!!

And Speaking of Commitment to the Community – I don't usually comment on the Rotarian magazine in the bulletin, but if you haven't read it, the article about training to deliver ShelterBoxes is extremely interesting. Our club has been a staunch supporter of ShelterBox but we are definitely doing the easy part – sending money – but the article puts you in the uncomfortable shoes of being on the ground delivering these life-saving tents and supplies to people who have suffered a devastating natural disaster.

What Can You Share with your Fellow Club Members? – it can be a “thing” (e.g. spaghetti sauce that you made, a bowl made out of a cow’s horn that you brought back from a trip to South Africa), a service (a photo shoot, organizing your closet), or sharing a hobby/passion (tour of Bug Light, taking someone kayaking). We want the May 23 Foundation Fundraiser Auction/Party (we’ve got to come up with a better name for this event!) to be more than everyone donating gift certificates like we would for raffle prizes. We want to serve the dual purpose of also getting to know each other a little better, so we’d like everyone to contribute something but especially want donations that say just a little something about who you are and your abilities and interests. You can record your donation on the sign-up sheets on the tables or you can email Anne, Betty or me with your intended donation. There is no minimum and no maximum – we’d love to have a wide variety of items for us all to bid on. Put your thinking caps on, everybody!!

Managing Cape Elizabeth – Former CE town manager Mike McGovern introduced his successor, current town manager Matt Sturgis. Matt is from New Gloucester and has a background as a real estate appraiser. After volunteering as an assessor in New Gloucester, he realized that he’d like that to be his full-time profession, so became the assessor for the town of Cape Elizabeth until being appointed as town manager last year. In addition to thanking Mike for his mentorship, Matt also recognized Anne Swift-Kayatta who interviewed him when he applied for the assessor position, and Kathy Ray who was part of the town council that hired him as town manager (good work, ladies!). Matt also gave credit to the great department heads in Cape Elizabeth and said that he “completely enjoys the job,” especially the diversity of it. Although we were plotting at our table about how to get him to join Rotary, we found that it would conflict with Matt’s passion of leading the Maine chapter of the American Lung Association, an organization that is very important to him. If any of you are long-distance bikers, look for him on the Trek Across Maine!

MATTS:

McAleney



Sturgis



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