TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth April 25, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 2 – Fran Bagdasarian, Classification Talk

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

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 2</u>	<u>May 9</u>	<u>May 16</u>
Opening Words	V Schmidt	Speh	Swift-Kayatta
Raffle Gift	Daviero	Desmond	Dube
Conductor	Hawes	Healey	Higgins

We had a ranked choice (?) raffle this week. Dan Davidson donated THREE prizes. Raffle winner David Lourie chose a gift certificate to the Cookie Jar as his prize. The bottle of whisky was "won" by Bob Knupp for \$26 and the power inverter was won by Jack Roberts for \$5 – money to benefit the Internal Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 28-29, 10-2 – Bug Light clean-up & work on garden. Saturday work party will be followed by lunch at LoBoscos.

May 4-6 – District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

May 8 – Soup Kitchen

May 16, 11 - 1 – VA2K Walk/Run, Portland VA Clinic, 144 Fore Street

May 16 – Board meeting, following regular meeting

May 19 – Bug Light Kite Festival – Bug Light Open House!

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 16 – Family Fun Day – see Bob Knupp if you can help chair this event.

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Anamaria (May 7)

Happy travels to President Sue as she heads to Scotland for 2 weeks.

Congratulations to Jim \mathcal{E}_{T} Gillian Britt who just purchased the Harvest on the Harbor event!

Thank you to the club's Veterans committee, who helps distribute needed items to homeless veterans through the VA:

- * Dan Davidson (chair)
- * Doug Schauf
- * Nicole Albert
- * Paul Butler
- * Tom Meyers
- ★ Bob Knupp
- * Joe Conroy
- * Tony Wagner

Short-Term Youth Exchange – Hope you all saw the email from Dick Hall of the Portland club about our District's pilot program of a 3-4 week exchange to Italy or France this summer for high school students. The caption of the email asks if you have high school age children or grandchildren but it's not confined to Rotarians and their families – so for instance Interact or PeaceJam students, or any other students at our local high schools, are eligible. They would need to apply through our club however. Contact Dick Hall (see his email) or Jack Roberts for more information.

<u>Bug Light</u> – Jack Roberts and Sarah Higgins put together a poster with before and after pictures of Bug Light, as well as a listing of what the club has spent on Bug Light AND what those improvements are really worth. They brought it to the District Assembly to share with the District, and Jack brought it to the club last night. Jack has figured out that our club has spent about \$40,000 on Bug Light, but when you factor in donations in kind and club members' labor, the value of these improvements is about \$130,000!!!

And Speaking of Commitment to the Community -

<u>May 23 "Illustrious Event"</u> – Just a reminder to send Betty Egner (or Anne or me) the item that you'd like to donate to the auction on May 23 to benefit The Rotary Foundation – and to help us get to know you better. President Sue is an art lover so she is going to rummage through her art collection (stored under her bed!) to find something to donate. It doesn't have to be a Picasso under your bed or a fine wine – how about treating a fellow Rotarian to a picnic, a Sea Dogs game, a round of golf or whatever it is that you do in your free time?

Managing South Portland – Tom Meyers introduced South Portland city manager Scott Morelli, who has been on the job for 13 months, after previously managing the city of Gardiner, where he came to have an appreciation of all that the Rotarians in that community do for their city. Scott began by showing us a video about South Portland (which of course includes Bug Light as one of the highlights!). Scott said one of his most difficult tasks as city manager was judging the sled competition at WinterFest and breaking all those little hearts of the non-winners! Scott described some of the highlights of the current year's budget as well as next year's proposed budget, including some of the street and sidewalk improvements that people can expect to see in the near future. He ended with the Athenian City-State Oath which he tries to live by in his profession (which coincidentally somewhat echoed Ursula's opening words):

"We will never bring disgrace on this our City by an act of dishonesty or cowardice. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City both alone and with many. We will revere and obey the City's laws, and will do our best to incite a like reverence and respect in those above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught. We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this City not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

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