

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 4, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 11 – Meet at Rachel Walls Gallery

April 18 – Matt Sturgis, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager

April 25 – Scott Morelli, South Portland City Manager

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>April 18</u>	<u>April 25</u>	<u>May 2</u>
Opening Words	L Schmidt	U Schmidt	V Schmidt
Raffle Gift	Danois	Davidson	Daviero
Conductor	Geneseo	Gonzalez	Hawes

(Note the change in the duty schedule since there will be no “duties” next week at the Rachel Walls Gallery- everyone was pushed back a week.)

Bev came back from California to win a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant, The Good Table – donated by Doug Schauf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

April 7 – District Training Assembly, York County Community College

April 9, 3 pm – 10 pm – 10% Donation Night at Texas Roadhouse for South Portland Sea Cadets

April 26, 6 – 8 p.m. – “Vision to Plan” workshop at South Portland Housing Authority, 100 Waterman Drive – *note that this is a date change – previously scheduled for April 12*

April 30 (Monday) – Bug Light clean-up & work on garden. We will be assisted by about 20 students from Waynflete.

May 4-6 – District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Desmond Lucas & Doug Schauf, both on Friday the 13th!

And another set of copycats: Bill & Diane Anderson and Dan & Joan McDonald were married on the VERY SAME DAY: April 11, 1970 - Happy Anniversary!!!

Next Week – Be sure to show up at Fort Williams next week – NOT PURPOODOCK! We will be meeting at the Rachel Walls Gallery, which is located in the Bachelor Officers Quarters on the hill overlooking “our” pond (it’s the building furthest from the pond next to the tiny ball field). We will start at our usual time. The meal will be sandwiches (Caprese, beef tenderloin or lobster roll) from Bite Into Maine. Look for an email asking you for your choice – these will be custom made so you must place your order ahead of time.

Good Intentions – While the purchase of trees by our district to share with all clubs in the District seemed like a great way to respond to RI President Ian Riseley’s call for a tree to be planted for every Rotarian, it turns out that the trees selected are not suitable for our 2 communities because of the winter moth problem. Since our club wants to do its part anyway, Catherine Callahan will be working with the community arborist to select appropriate trees and our club will purchase them. Thank you Catherine for your efforts on this project!

Tidbits

- ✓ Frank Butterworth reported that he had lunch with Marc Mutty, who sends his regards. Hopefully as the weather improves we’ll be seeing Marc soon.
- ✓ The PeaceJam students who presented the program last week went home with \$300 cash personally donated by club members at the end of the meeting.
- ✓ Don’t forget to bring unwanted medications to the next couple club meetings for Dan McDonald’s daughter to take to Central America.
- ✓ Be thinking of what you want to donate to the Rotary Foundation auction on May 23 – we’ve been getting some great donations – and by great, I don’t mean expensive or decadent – I mean a nice variety.
- ✓ President Sue met with our SMCC scholarship recipients, both of whom are SP residents who escaped hostile situations in their home country of Rwanda. They were both extremely appreciative of our scholarships and said they wouldn’t be able to complete their degrees without our help.
- ✓ We were fortunate to be joined this week by Mary Goodrich, Director of the SP Boys & Girls Club. Our club was instrumental in the founding of the SP B/G club so her presence was a nice reminder of that.

Follow Your Nose – This week’s speaker was Mark Roberts (Jack’s son) who has worked for the state Fire Marshal’s office for 10 years as a criminal arson investigator. He reported that there are 12 investigators in Maine who investigate about 500 fires/year. A third of those fires are caused by arson and the investigators are aided in determining whether it was arson by two certified arson sniffing dogs. One of them is assigned to Mark and we had the pleasure of meeting Deacon and seeing a demonstration of his abilities. A dog’s ability to smell something is more than 40 times better than a human’s and 1/8 of a dog’s brain is devoted to scent discrimination. There are 200 certified arson dogs in the country and half of them were trained in Maine. The reason that Deacon is so effective is that he has been trained to work – he is fed exclusively by Mark and only after “working” for it – i.e. detecting an odor. We were very impressed by Deacon’s abilities, but also by Mark’s dedication to keeping up this rigid regimen.

Wise Words (from Gandhi, by way of Bob Danielson) – “Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviors. Keep your behaviors positive because your behaviors become your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.”

Before & After – courtesy of Jack Roberts, below are pictures of his “baby” Bug Light, before (1988) and after (2017) our club got involved in its restoration and maintenance.



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