

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

August 23, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 30 – Walking Tour of Fort Williams led by former member Jim Rowe

September 6 – Betty Balderstrom, Preventing Elder Abuse

September 13 – Joan Frustaci & Sam Rinaldi (come see Joanie in costume...)

September 27 – No Meeting (Theater Night on Thursday instead)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 30</u>	<u>Sept. 6</u>	<u>Sept. 13</u>
Opening Words	Davidson	Daviero	Dube
Raffle Gift	Roberts	Schauf	L. Schmidt
Conductor	V. Schmidt	Speh	Swift-Kayatta

Our guest speaker Commander Kevin Shilling won the raffle prize donated by Chuck Redman of a gift certificate to Verbena. A separate donor augmented the raffle prize with a Navy water bottle which the Commander clearly didn't need (they were giving them away free on Commercial Street as part of Navy Week) so Chuck was the lucky winner of the bottle.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 30 – as noted above, we will be meeting at Fort Williams, not Purpoodock. Since we want to be done by dark, we will *start the picnic meal at 5:30*, with the program starting at 6:00. Sign up online.

September 9 – Maine Lighthouse Day; open house at Bug Light (see online sign-up)

September 28 – Theater Night – Nunsense. Tickets are \$20, which includes great refreshments – you will definitely get your money's worth!

October 19, 6-8 p.m. – District Visioning Workshop, South Portland Housing Authority

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to John & Sue LoBosco (August 31)

Have you read your Rotarian magazine? – If so, consider bringing it in to the club to let others know what Rotary is all about.

The Pool is Open... The football pool, that is. We are taking “registrations” now – all you have to do is give your \$50 check (made out to The Rotary Foundation) to Chuck Redman or me. OR donate online and let one of us know that you’re in the pool. With 16 weeks in the season, that works out to \$3.13 per week to play – and we guarantee that you will get \$3.13 worth of fun out of it! Your donations can go to either the Annual Fund or to PolioPlus (if you don’t specify the default will be to the Annual Fund). The pool will officially begin with the games on September 10. (The Patriots will play on September 7 but that game will not be in the pool since everyone will pick the Patriots anyway.) I am sending “pick sheets” for the first 2 weeks to everyone, but after the first week of the contest I will only be sending to those who are playing. It’s incredibly simple – just pick the name of the team you think will win. No point spreads or odds or anything. And you don’t even have to know anything about football – just pick the home team each week and you’ll probably do well!

Recognizing Our Community Leaders – Last March we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation by honoring some community leaders who have given Service Above Self. It was so much fun that we’d like to do it again. If you know of anyone (non-Rotarian) that you think would be worthy of being recognized by the club as a Paul Harris Fellow, please send their name and why they should be honored to either Anne Swift-Kayatta or me (Nancy H).

Anchors Aweigh – SP/CE Rotary celebrated Navy Week along with the rest of Portland’s first ever event. Helping to make it happen was Mike Geneseo, who invited our speaker and also encouraged area clubs to come hear him. Four members of the Portland club accepted the offer as well as one member of the Westbrook-Gorham club. One of the Portland members, former Navy Commander Don Lowry, introduced our speaker.



Commander Kevin Shilling's Navy career spans 2 decades, and has taken him from multiple submarine tours of duty to leading recruitment for all of New England. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, and holds a bachelor of science degree in history, a master of science degree in human resource management and a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies. Cdr Shilling was accompanied by Lt. Shay Vickerstaff of Portland, and Gary Ross (retired) of Navy Outreach who put together Cdr. Shilling’s presentation.

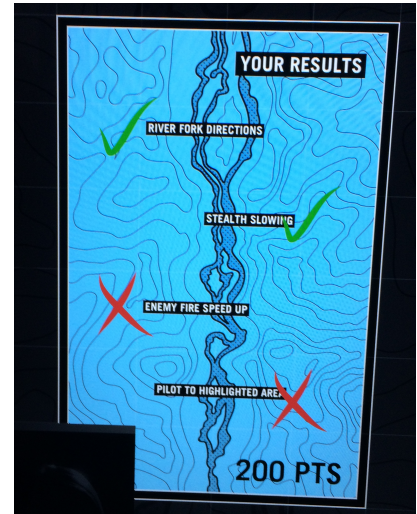
Commander Shilling gave us a status report on America’s Navy, and showed pictures of the oldest ship (USS Constitution, which has just been overhauled) and the newest ship (aircraft carrier USS Ford). Along with humanitarian missions and maintaining readiness for conflict, a large part of what the Navy does is to protect free trade by ensuring that sea lanes remain open. Since 90% of global commerce is conducted by sea, it is vital that ships be able to sail freely.

Cdr. Shilling pointed out that 26% of jobs in our country depend on global trade so the Navy provides a critical service to our economy.



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