

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 30, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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>Sept. 6</u>	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>Sept. 20</u>
Opening Words	Daviero	Dube	Farrell
Raffle Gift	Schauf	L. Schmidt	U Schmidt
Conductor	Speh	Swift-Kayatta	Tipton

Jack Roberts donated a gift certificate to Terra Cotta which was won by our newest member Patrick Veroneau (see below).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

September 12 – Soup Kitchen; please sign up online.

September 28 – Theater Night – Nonsense. 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 Birthday, Scott Irving! (Sept. 9)

*Happy Anniversary to
Rick & Diane Dobson (Sept. 6)
Bob & Alicia Davidson (Sept. 10)*

Continued get well wishes to Edie Davidson & Peter Cotter (who is reported to be doing well)

Welcome Patrick! – This week we welcomed our newest member (and our luckiest? – see above) Patrick Veroneau. Patrick is a certified professional development coach and established the Emery Leadership Group. He has an MS in organizational leadership from Quinnipiac. Patrick has an established record of giving back to the community, as a board member for Center for Grieving Children, Maine Cancer Foundation and Maine Youth Leadership. He grew up in Portland as the youngest of 10 kids (oh my!) and word has it that he has skills that will come in handy when we have “hands on” projects. Welcome Patrick!!



Football Pool Kicks Off Next Week – If you are in the Foundation fundraiser pool, we will be submitting picks to Commissioner Chuck next week. There is still time to get in on the fun - \$50 donation to the Rotary Foundation gives you a shot at potential glory each week for the next 16 weeks. Let Chuck know if you’re interested or have questions.

Fort Williams History Tour – This week we celebrated the end of traditional summer enjoying the spectacular scenery at Fort Williams. Former member Jim Rowe led us on a walking tour of the old fort and described the features that would have been there in the first half of the 19th century. Jim is eminently qualified to educate us about Cape Elizabeth history, having grown up in CE as part of the 5th generation to live here. His great grandfather’s business provided the building materials to build the fort and his maternal grandfather was stationed at Ft. Williams. The fort was built in 1872 and named after Seth Williams, a native of Augusta who fought in the Mexican-American War and was instrumental in the negotiations that ended the Civil War. The Army bought the initial 14 acres for \$2,800 and the current tract of over 90 acres was sold to the town of Cape Elizabeth after the fort closed in 1962 for \$200,000. I took many pages of notes, some of which are legible, and here are some of the highlights:

- Goddard Mansion was used to house non-commissioned officers and it had an NCO club in the basement.
- There used to be a huge hangar to house an observation balloon which proved to be obsolete by the time it was operational, due to the advent of airplanes.
- The fort was a town in itself, including a hospital, school, chapel, bakery, police, fire and a movie house.
- In the Spanish-American War and WWI, mines were dragged from the beach area out to the mouth of the harbor; these mines could be detonated electronically from shore.
- The commanding officer’s house (above the current Bite into Maine location) had 7 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms.

- The guns at the fort were never fired at enemies. When they were fired during drills, neighbors had to open all their windows to prevent them breaking. (This memory is courtesy of Sherm Altenburg who joined us for the evening and also is a fount of Ft. Williams historical knowledge.)



Incremental Steps Lead to Success, by Michael McGovern, International PolioPlus Chair
(from *Beyond Borders, Zones 24 & 32 Vice-President's Newsletter*)

Each day, emails come in, many of them with PolioPlus updates from throughout the world. Most days the news is good — with many reports of no new polio cases. An email a few weeks ago was better than good. It contained the news that Rotary clubs, Districts and individual donors far surpassed last year's goal of US \$45 million by over \$6 million. The \$51 million total was more than has been given in any year apart from when there were major campaigns. Looking behind the total, it was greatly aided by about \$10 million in funds given by districts from their DDF balances. There was also a realized bequest of \$5 million from a longtime Rotarian from Berwick, PA. But that leaves \$36 million that came from thousands of individual donations made by Rotary clubs and Rotarians.

It helped that last Rotary year we had a President in John Germ and a Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee who set ambitious goals for us and who encouraged us to give. We had hard-working End Polio Now coordinators, enthusiastic Regional Foundation coordinators, a great class of District Governors and dedicated District committee leadership. But in the end, nothing happens unless it happens in Rotary's 35,000 clubs and from most of the world's Rotarians. Thank you to all of you for making a difference.

As a consequence of your leadership and generosity, your Rotary Foundation next month will release \$50 million — divided between WHO and UNICEF — to help ensure the upcoming end of polio. As soon as that money is forwarded, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will wire \$100 million to The Rotary Foundation and the funds will be allocated to the greatest needs in January and April.

It is your passion, your persistence and your generosity that will lead to a polio-free world. Thank you!

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