

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

December 13, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 20 – Holiday Fellowship

December 27 – NO MEETING

January 3 – AJ Frustaci – Around the World with AJ – *AT WILLOW'S*

January 10 – Alicia Danielson, Alicia Bars – *AT WILLOW'S*

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>December 20</u>	<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 10</u>
Opening Words	Leasure	Healey	McDonald
Raffle Gift	Albert	Altenburg	Anderson
Conductor	Britt	Butler	Butterworth

As conductor, Fran magnanimously did not win the raffle this week. Adrienne followed up her win of the football pool last week with the lucky ticket in the raffle – she won a gift certificate to C Salt.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 28 – Tree Lot Takedown (tentative)

January 27-28 – WinterFest

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

Sarah Piper - 12/20

Rick Dobson - 12/23

Ray Healey (H-E-A-L-E-Y) - 12/23

Jim Britt - 12/28

Kathy Cotter - 12/28

Anne Swift-Kayatta - 12/31

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Shirley Mooers (12/31)

Thank you to Jack Roberts and Dan McDonald for hanging the wreath at Bug Light!

Thank you to Veterans Committee members Bob Knupp, Paul Butler and Dan Davidson for securing and delivering \$2,000 worth of gift cards from Hannaford, Irving Oil and WalMart to the VA.

Congratulations – almost – to next year’s officers! – As you saw from the communication from Nominating Committee chair Bill Anderson, the nominees for next year’s officers have been chosen and will be voted on at next week’s meeting. They are:

President	Fran Bagdasarian (<i>not part of the election; this is automatic</i>)
President Elect	David Lourie
Vice President	Anamaria Gonzalez Salguero
Treasurer	Nicole Albert
Secretary	Kathy Cotter
Directors	Laurenz Schmidt Bob Knupp Mike Geneseo Hugh O’Shea Chuck Redman
Dir.-at-Large	Sue Sturtevant (<i>also automatic</i>)

Congratulations to all of the nominees and THANK YOU for agreeing to serve our club!

Another Tree Sale almost completed – Nancy Irving reported that we have a net profit of over \$28,000 so far, with \$11,000 to go before we reach last year’s mark. There are still lots of trees left though, so here are some last minute reminders:

- 🌲 All hands are needed – if you have not completed your 4 shifts or would like to help out by doing another shift, you can get to the sign-up sheet by:
 - ❄ From the club’s home page, go to Upcoming Events on the left-hand side (under the Speaker list)
 - ❄ Click on Tree Sale – the very first item
 - ❄ Click on the navy blue button that says “2017 Tree Sale”
 - ❄ Sign up for the shift you want.
- 🌲 OR if you know the lot will be busy but can’t sign up for a full shift, come help out anyway!
- 🌲 If you are closing up, please remember to turn off the heater – when in doubt, unplug.
- 🌲 Joanie complained about us selling too many trees at the tree lot (ha ha!) – specifically she requests that we quit selling the table top tree(s) that she decorates and brings to the lot.

Holiday Socializing – Next week we will not have a speaker. Instead we will spend our time celebrating another successful tree sale and just having fun. Our time to gather before sitting

down to dinner will be extended, and we will have time for your tree sale happy dollar stories as well as singing some holiday songs. You are invited to bring a family favorite appetizer if you'd like to, but this is *strictly optional*. This is not a potluck; we will still be buying our dinner from Purpoodock – anything you bring will be extra and contribute to the festive atmosphere.

When a “D” is a Winning Grade – After some very unexpected results this week, it turned out that getting only 2/3 of the picks correct was enough to win. Achieving this stellar mark were Nancy Irving, Sue “intuition” Sturtevant and Bob Danielson. However Bob edged out Sue in the intuition department and took home the trophy with the closest number of points.

Avoiding Scams – Our speaker this week was Martha Currier, Complaint Examiner from the Consumer Protection Division of the Maine Attorney General's Office. Martha informed us that in Maine, every product (except cars) has an implied warranty of 4 years if its useful life is expected to be at least that long. So the purchase of extended warranties is often not needed. She also described some of the most common scams and encouraged frequent credit monitoring and using credit freeze (it's free!). Martha brought a lot of informational material – I scanned some of it and will send it separately. One of her brochures was called “10 Things You Can do to Avoid Fraud.” Here are the 10 tips:

1. Keep in mind that wiring money is like sending cash – once it's gone, you can't get it back.
2. Don't send money to someone you don't know.
3. Don't respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial information, whether the message comes as an email, a phone call, a text message or an ad.
4. Don't play a foreign lottery.
5. Don't agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back, no matter how convincing the story.
6. Read your bills and monthly statements regularly – on paper and online.
7. In the wake of a natural disaster or another crisis, give to established charities rather than one that seems to have sprung up overnight.
8. Talk to your doctor before buying health products or signing up for medical treatments.
9. Remember there's no such thing as risk-free investments.
10. Know where an offer comes from and who you're dealing with.

Martha was a dedicated Rotarian before the birth of her twin boys. She was the president of the Augusta Rotary Club during their centennial year and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She went to India on a polio immunization trip in 2004 which she described as an “incredible experience.” She was amazed that amid the squalor, the children were all smiles and so happy to have the Rotarians there to help them.

Well, Well... - Our club signed on with 15 other clubs in the district to provide the funding needed to apply for a global grant to drill a well in the jungle village of Cuatro Cayos, Guatemala. Due to some red tape and scheduling problems, the project was switched to a club project (with Westbrook-Gorham as the lead club) for the initial phase so that they wouldn't have

to wait for approval and funding from The Rotary Foundation. All of the clubs that had committed to the project maintained their funding commitment, so this past weekend ge-engineers tested to find the best location to drill for water. The actual drilling of the first well is scheduled to take place in February. Assistant Governor Tony Wagner was instrumental in coordinating the project so that it could go forward. This project will Make a Difference for the people of Cuatro Cayos.



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