

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 28, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 7 – AJ Frustaci, Traveling Through Southeast Asia
March 14 – *(in process of being re-scheduled)*
March 21 – Scott Irving, Beekeeping
March 28 – Scott Morelli, South Portland City Manager

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>March 21</u>
Opening Words	Piper	Ray	Redmond
Raffle Gift	Callahan	Conroy	Cotter
Conductor	Davidson	Daviero	Desmond

Our visitor Ryan Moore from Norway Savings Bank won a gift certificate to Hot Suppa donated by Jim Britt.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 1-12 – Maine Restaurant Week.

March 22 – Membership meeting at CE Community Center

March 24, 7:30 – 3:30 – Rotary Leadership Institute, York County Community College, Wells (a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary!)

April 7 – District Training Assembly, York County Community College

April 12, 6 – 8 p.m. – “Vision to Plan” workshop at South Portland Housing Authority, 100 Waterman Drive

April 25 – tree seedlings arrive – not sure if we’re planting them on this day or a later day – or whether at Bug Light or Fort Williams – stay tuned for more information.

May 4-6 – District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Congratulations, Sarah Higgins, on your new car!

Happy Birthday to:

Dan Mooers (March 11)

Kathy Ray (March 12)

Happy Anniversary to Tom & Marti Meyers (March 9)

Fran Bagdasarian, have fun at PETS (President-Elect Training Semnar) next week!

Welcome back to Bill York, who brought a banner from the Joshua Tree (California) Rotary Club

Bon voyage to Paul Butler as he and Jan head to Florida for a couple months.

Thank you to Michele Danois who raised \$118 for PolioPlus in her own fundraiser!

Membership Committee – Membership Chair Laurenz Schmidt will be holding a cluster meeting on Thursday, March 22 at the Cape Elizabeth Community Center to discuss how to attract new members. Please let Laurenz know if you are interested in attending.

Feasting Frugally – It sounds like we were denying ourselves but the “frugal feast” held to celebrate World Understand & Peace Day (Rotary’s 113th birthday) was actually a delicious meal with wonderful appetizers and delicious soups, salads and desserts. Our club was well-represented by:

- Nancy & Scott Irving
- Tony Wagner
- Bill Anderson
- Mike McGovern
- John & Sue LoBosco
- Anamaria Gonzalez
- Virginia Schmidt
- Ursula Schmidt
- Sybil Riemensnider
- David Lourie
- Nancy Hawes

The program centered on the issue of food insecurity and the fact that 1 in 4 children in Maine are food insecure – this is SO NOT ACCEPTABLE!! We heard about the projects that 3 clubs engage in (Portland, Damariscotta-Newcastle and Hampton, NH) and when they asked what other clubs were doing, Sybil described our club’s “behind-the-scenes” project in the South Portland Schools. When a student goes through the lunch line but doesn’t have money, they get lunch anyway and it goes on their “tab.” All of the tabs are paid through a fund that our club contributes to. It’s a somewhat invisible way of making sure that all kids get a lunch at school, whether they can afford it or not.

Human Trafficking – Nicole Albert introduced her colleague Jonathan Sahrbeck, Assistant DA (whom many knew from his Cub Scouts days!), who spoke on the very sobering topic of human trafficking. He said that if a region has a drug problem or prostitution, then human trafficking is taking place. Jonathan said that human trafficking is the most difficult kind of case to prosecute because the victims have gone through so much and are usually homeless. He described pimps as “brutal awful human beings” who only care about the cash that their prostitutes can generate. He shared the shocking statistic that the average age of girls getting into the business is 11 years old. Jonathan said that fortunately law enforcement has come to view prostitutes as victims and the real criminals are the pimps and the johns, who should be prosecuted vigorously. Although there are limited services to help young girls escape this lifestyle, such as Hope Rising, it is an uphill battle. However he was able to share with us the story of one young woman who was able to move on to a healthy life.

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