



# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 7, 2018

**ANOTHER SNOW DAY!!**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

February 14 – Laurenz Schmidt – Club Survey Results  
February 21 – John Grew, Maine Audubon Society  
February 28 – Jonathan Sahrbeck; Human Trafficking in Maine



**ASSIGNMENTS**

	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 28</u>
Opening Words	McGovern	O’Shea	Mutty
Raffle Gift	Butler	Butterworth	Britt
Conductor	Danielson	Danois	Daniels



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**



**February 13 (Mardi Gras!) –** Soup Kitchen – please sign up online.

**February 23, 5:30 – 7:30 –** Frugal Feast Dinner, Woodfords Church, Portland

**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

**May 4-6 -** District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

**June 23-27 –** Rotary International Convention, Toronto



*What’s New With Our Members - nothing? No birthdays or anniversaries next week.*

**Names Wanted** – As we did last year at the Foundation 100th Anniversary party, our club will be honoring community members worthy of recognition for their service to the community later this spring. If you know of someone that you think our club should honor, please forward their

names (and why they merit recognition) to Anne Swift-Kayatta or me. Community service is loosely defined – it could be local humanitarian efforts (e.g. soup kitchen), international service (e.g. Elizabeth McLellan from Partners in World Health, a past awardee), mentorship of youth, vocational leadership that benefits our communities, etc.

**What's the Deal with February 23?** – You may have seen the invitation from Governor Dave to the Frugal Feast on February 23, which is World Peace & Understanding Day. Why February 23 every year? For Rotary newbies, here's the story. The first Rotary club was founded on that day in 1905 by attorney Paul Harris and 3 of his friends: Gustave Loehr (a mining engineer), Silvester Schiele (coal merchant) and Hiram Shorey (tailor). They met in Loehr's office on Dearborn Street in Chicago. Paul Harris came from a small town in Vermont and he missed the sense of community of a small town, which is why he came up with the idea of forming a community of professionals and business people. They originally rotated among their offices to hold their meetings; hence the name "Rotary."

Although originally an organization formed for the purpose of networking, the first club soon engaged in a service project (toilets in a public park) and since then service has been a fundamental element of Rotary. In recognition of our core objective of advancing goodwill and peace around the world, the anniversary of Rotary's founding became known as World Peace and Understanding Day in 1983.

**Beyond SP-CE** – The calendar above lists some upcoming Rotary activities beyond South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. Again for the new folks, here is a recap of what they're all about:

*Rotary Leadership Institute* – disclaimer, I have never been to one so not sure what really happens, but when I was a new Rotarian I would have wanted to attend this if it had been available. I've heard that it's a great way to find out more about what happens in Rotary beyond our dinners at Purpoodock.

*District Training Assembly* – Ostensibly this is a 1-day opportunity for club officers, directors and committee chairs throughout the district to get together and learn more about their responsibilities. In reality it's a great opportunity for any Rotarian to learn more about Rotary, share ideas with other clubs, and get to know/re-connect with some great Rotarians. We all believe that our club is the best in the district, but guess what – there are a lot of pretty great clubs in our district and a lot of really friendly interesting people in them.

*Multi-District Summit* – Disclaimer again because I've never been to one of these but not many people in our district have. The District Conference is where all the clubs in the district get together for the weekend to celebrate the past Rotary year. This year we will join with 4 other districts to hold a joint District Conference. That way we can have even better speakers and entertainers, including RI President Ian Riseley and our neighbor Travis Roy. Not to mention that we'll get to meet lots of new people.

*International Rotary Convention* – This year the convention is in Toronto – pretty close to us – so everyone should consider going. I have been to 6 Rotary conventions and I highly recommend it. Confession – the first one that I went to was in Calgary in 1996 and the reason I went was because I had been to Calgary before and wanted an excuse to go back to the Canadian Rockies. I went with my parents and a couple friends and we all had a fantastic time. The speakers and entertainment were awesome, and from then on I was hooked on conventions. As I said above, there are a lot of interesting Rotarians beyond our club, and it's so fascinating to talk to people from all over the world. For instance while I was in the auditorium listening to Nobel Peace Prize winners, my friends were out in the hall chatting with Rotarians from Irkutsk and Yakutsk, Siberia. They still talk about Irkutsk and Yakutsk, but mostly because it's fun to say. I don't know if there will be anyone from Irkutsk and Yakutsk in Toronto, but there will definitely be interesting people from all over the world.

Anyway if you got this far, forgive my rambling to fill up the bulletin. See you next week at Purpoodock!

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