

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 24, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

January 31 – Ivy Frignoca – Casco Bay Baykeeper
February 7 – AJ Frustaci – Travels with AJ
February 14 – Laurenz Schmidt – Club Survey Results
February 21 – John Grew, Maine Audubon Society

ASSIGNMENTS

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Opening Words	Murphy	Mutty	McGovern
Raffle Gift	F Bagdasarian	Britt	Butler
Conductor	Conroy	Daniels	Danielson

Congratulations to Bob Danielson who won an LL Bean gift certificate donated by Dave Bagdasarian.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 3 – AliciaBars tasting at Williams Sonoma, Maine Mall

May 4-6 - District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Welcome back President Sue, from your ankle surgery convalescence!

Best wishes to Edie Davidson for a speedy recovery from back surgery!

Greetings to Marc Mutty who would love to be with us but can't safely get out during flu season - he'd love to hear from you if you care to give him a call/drop him a line.

Welcome to SP-CE Rotary! – This week we had the pleasure of inducting two new members who already feel like old friends:

Betty Egner didn't need to learn the secret handshake since she was a member of the Ellsworth Rotary Club for 9 years. Betty was born in Pennsylvania Dutch Country but has lived all over the country and had a variety of interesting jobs, most recently with the Maine Small Business Development Centers, from which she retired on December 1. The tributes from her clients on the SBDC webpage mention what a caring, dedicated person she is and that she “put her heart into everything she did.”

Liam McCoy was introduced to us by his sponsor Tony Wagner. Liam was born in Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y's hometown of Providence but was raised in Otisfield. His life revolves around his 12-year-old daughter and twin 10-year-old boys. Liam is a real estate broker with Legacy Properties and lives in Cape Elizabeth. Liam's late father had a lifelong history of volunteering and serving on boards and Liam is following in his footsteps.

His Honor – Nicole introduced our speaker this week, the Honorable William J. Kayatta, Jr., one of 10 judges in the First Circuit of the US Court of Appeals – or as we know him, Anne's husband Bill. Judge Kayatta graduated from Amherst College and Harvard Law School and worked at Pierce Atwood (where he was an ally/nemesis of David Lourie) for many years until he was appointed to the Court in 2013. We all knew that Bill had a very important job but most of us (me anyway) didn't really understand what he did. Here's the scoop. There are 94 District Courts in the federal judiciary system – these courts are where the trials are held. If the litigants don't like the outcome, they can appeal to the US Court of Appeals in their circuit (there are 13 circuits). We are in the First Circuit, which consists of Maine, Massachusetts, NH, RI & Puerto Rico. If a case goes to appeals, it is not re-tried. The lawyers present their “briefs” (clearly a misnomer) and the judges read them, do research if necessary, think about what they've read and come to a decision. Their decision is based on whether the interpretation of the law in the original case was correct or not. The only Court higher than the Court of Appeals is the Supreme Court. However for the vast majority of cases the Court of Appeals is the end of the line – the Supreme Court issues less than 100 opinions per year, and many of those are the result of conflicting opinions between circuits. (So far Bill has not had an opinion overturned by the Supreme Court.)

Bill also talked about the importance of the judiciary system and how critical it has been to the success of our country. If there is no independent check on the leaders of a country (i.e. no one is above the law), things will eventually “go really bad.” Federal judges have life tenure for that very reason – once they are appointed they have no obligations to any political party. Thanks, Judge Kayatta/Bill for such an interesting program!

Passing of the Cap – Associate Commissioner Chuck announced that he is stepping into the role of Deputy Commissioner (we’re not sure what that means) and that next year Jim Britt will take over as Associate Commissioner. The football pool is a lot of fun and nonsense, but it’s actually a serious fundraising endeavor which has raised \$2,245 so far for The Rotary Foundation. Thanks, Chuck for all you have done to make the football pool such a success – and to Bill York for the original idea. Oh, and congratulations to John LoBosco who won last week and is in the lead in the overall playoff pool. (Who knew that the Eagles were the real deal even without their quarterback.) And our condolences to Bill Anderson whose loyalty to the Browns merited the t-shirt presented by Chuck which says “This Team Makes Me Drink.”

Over-Achievers! – “For the 10th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation received the highest rating – 4 stars – from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.” I read this sentence on the Rotary website and being trained to audit stuff, I naturally went to the Charity Navigator website to see for myself. The website also has some Top 10 lists (best charities associated with a celebrity, 10 charities paying too much for fundraising (!), etc.). We made it on one of the best possible lists: “Ten of the Best Charities Everyone’s Heard Of.” Here’s what the Charity Navigator website says – and the list:

These 10 charities work throughout the country and the world. They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding \$100 million, and at least \$65 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.

Rank	Charity	Overall Score
1	Direct Relief	100.00
2	MAP International	100.00
3	The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	100.00
4	Samaritan's Purse	98.23
5	The Conservation Fund	98.23
6	The Carter Center	97.87
7	Americares	97.23
8	Doctors Without Borders, USA	97.23
9	Catholic Medical Mission Board	97.23
10	Patient Services Incorporated	97.17

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