

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
July 26, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 2 – Bill Chadwick, Guatemala Water Project
August 9 – tbd
August 16 – tbd
August 23 – Navy Commander Kevin Shiling

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>
Opening Words	Cotter	Daniels	Danielson
Raffle Gift	O'Shea	Piper	Ray
Conductor	Rogers	Schauf	L. Schmidt

*You're not going to believe who won this week's raffle prize of a Hannaford gift card – Fran Bagdasarian **AGAIN!!!!!!!!** (her 9th time since she joined the club 2 years ago!)*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 8 – Preble Street Soup Kitchen

August 12 – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park (fried dough, burgers, etc.)

August 13 – “Breaker to Breaker 10k” at Pine Point Beach to benefit Partners for World Health; register at runsignup.com

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

Fran Bagdasarian (July 28)

Bob Carson (July 29)

Catherine Callahan (July 30)

Ali Carignan (August 4)

Happy Anniversary to Fran & Dave Bagdasarian on July 31!

Best wishes to Edie Davidson as she undergoes surgery on August 7.

Congratulations to Sybil on her retirement! Her retirement party was attended by President Sue, Past-President Bill, Phil Dube and Sarah Piper (who is on the board of the SP Food Cupboard).

Congratulations to Annie Russell (Jim & Vicke's daughter) to whom we presented a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) pin & certificate this week.

And congratulations also to Denis Landry who received his PHF+1 pin this week.

Lobsterbake - Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lobsterbake, most especially Anne Swift-Kayatta who did yet another masterful job of coordinating it! A highlight of the event was the presence of 88-year-old George Chandler who was President of our club in the Rotary year 1978-79! Here he is pictured with current Rotarians who were in Rotary with George:



Making A Difference – in the last bulletin I described District Governor Dave Underhill’s challenge to the clubs to participate in each of the 6 Areas of Focus which form the “Pyramid of Peace.” This week President Sue translated that into what our club does in each area:

Disease Prevention & Treatment

- △ Polio Eradication – our club contributes and holds Polio DineAround dinners to raise funds for polio eradication. (Not to mention RI Polio Chair Mike McGovern works tirelessly to spearhead RI’s polio eradication efforts.)
- △ Partners for World Health – the club not only contributes to this effort but volunteers to help with sorting medical supplies.

Maternal & Child Health

- △ ShelterBox (disaster relief)
- △ Portland Rotary Club’s projects in Dominican Republic (Dr. Fagan – hearing aids & artificial hands)
- △ Healthy Kids Brighter Future (health education in Uganda)
- △ Preble Street Soup Kitchen
- △ South Portland Food Cupboard

Education & Literacy

- △ Library Support
- △ Scholarships to graduating High School students & SMCC students
- △ Camperships

Economic & Community Development

- △ Assistance to Veterans
- △ Bug Light
- △ Fort Williams

Peace & Conflict Resolution

- △ Peace Jam (CEHS)
- △ RYLA

The above represents our track record and with ongoing support of these activities, no doubt we will qualify for the District Governor Citation at the end of this Rotary year!

President Sue with
RI President
Ian Riseley



Remembering Sam Owori – The world of Rotary was saddened two weeks ago by the death of President-Elect Sam Owori from complications after surgery. Sam, who had been elected to serve as president of Rotary International in 2018-19, would have been the second African Rotary member, and the first Ugandan, to hold that office.

He joined Rotary in 1978 and was a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda. Like many members, Sam was invited to Rotary by a persistent friend. “I did not want to go,” he cheerfully acknowledged years later. “I had no interest. But I had respect for my friend, so I went. And when I got there, I was in shock. The room was full of people I knew.” The more Sam saw of Rotary’s good work, the more enthusiastic he became. He is largely credited with the tremendous increase in clubs in Uganda: from nine in 1988, when he was district governor, to 89 today. His friends called his enthusiasm “the Owori madness” — to which he mildly replied, “If it is madness, I would be glad if more people would catch it.”

Sam brought an unyielding sense of right and wrong to his work as chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda, to his previous work with the African Development Bank and other institutions, and to his work with Rotary.

Sam’s Rotary career spanned some of Uganda’s most difficult years, including the dictatorship of Idi Amin, who was deeply suspicious of Rotary and often sent agents to spy on Rotary meetings. “Sometimes people came as guests, and you wouldn’t know exactly where they were coming from or who invited them,” Sam said later. “We always welcomed them. We had nothing to hide.”

Prominent Ugandan Rotary members, including Sam's own manager at the bank where he worked, were picked off the streets by Amin's forces and killed. Many Rotary clubs closed and most members withdrew: from a high of 220 members, Rotary membership dropped to around 20. One day, Sam recalled, a member was taken right in front of Sam's club. "We had just finished our meeting and were standing in front of the entrance of the hotel. He got picked up right there in front of us. Two guys threw him in the truck of a car and we never saw him again." Undeterred, Sam was back at his meeting the next week.

He served Rotary in many capacities, including RI director, trustee of The Rotary Foundation, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, regional RI membership coordinator, and RI representative to the United Nations Environment Program and UN-Habitat. He was a member or chair of several committees, including the International PolioPlus Committee, the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and the Audit Committee.

Sam described himself as "an incorrigible optimist" who chose to see the best side of everyone and the bright side of any situation. "Optimism is what brings us to Rotary. But Rotary is not a place for those who are only dreamers. It is a place for those with the ability, the capacity, and the compassion for fruitful service."



Sam seeing the sights of South Portland & Cape Elizabeth last November.

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