

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 14, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 21 – Club Assembly – details on upcoming spring projects
March 28 – Peace Jam, CEHS
April 4 – Mark Roberts (Jack’s son!), Office of State Fire Marshal

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 21</u>	<u>March 28</u>	<u>April 4</u>
Opening Words	Redman	Roberts	Schauf
Raffle Gift	Cotter	Daniels	Danielson
Conductor	Desmond	Dube	Farrell

Dave Bagdasarian won the raffle gift certificate to CIA Café (Coffee, Ice Cream, Art) donated by Joe Conroy. In case you’re not counting, he is trying to catch up to Fran – she has won 4 times so far this Rotary year (7/26, 8/2, 10/4, 12/6) and he has won twice now (9/20, 3/14). Fran joined the club a little over 3 years ago and has won 11 times already.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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 –more details at the club assembly on March 21.

May 4-6 – District Conference, Mount Washington Hotel

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

- 🍰 Ursula Schmidt (3/21)
- 🍰 Marc Mutty (3/23)
- 🍰 Elyse Tipton (3/25)

Congratulations to President Sue who has been a member of our club for 5 years (after a previous stint as a Rotarian in Connecticut)

Not sure what category this falls into - congratulations? Condolences? Don't you dare do it again? - to Joe Conroy who went to the soup kitchen in the blizzard.

Greetings from:

- * Alec Livingston
- * Ben Wilson, former SPCE Rotarian who is now in the Laconia NH Rotary club

“What if when we die, they ask ‘How was Heaven’” – This quote inspired our speaker, AJ Frustaci to go out and see the world. After graduating from college with a degree in creative writing, AJ found that he just wasn't inspired to write, so he set out to see what was out there. He visited 16 countries in 13 months and recently returned. Joining us to hear from AJ were several family members including his proud parents Joanie & Joe, and his grandfather (Joanie's father) whom we've heard so much about. While his presentation included many beautiful pictures, it wasn't a travelogue but a summary of the lessons AJ learned about seeing the world as a solo backpacker:

- ✓ It's Impossible Not to Make Friends
- ✓ Age is Meaningless
- ✓ Hostels are not Hostile
- ✓ Never Assume you won't See Someone Again
- ✓ Solo Travel isn't Lonely
- ✓ Look Up (i.e from your phone!)
- ✓ Put the Guidebook in the Garbage
- ✓ No Straw, Please (the oceans are already full of too much plastic garbage)
- ✓ The Most Generous People in the World have the Least to Give
- ✓ American Influence is as Rampant as American Ignorance
- ✓ Life is Unpredictable

If you weren't there to hear the stories behind these conclusions, AJ is in the midst of writing a book about his travels and you can read about them in the book!



I don't have AJ's actual picture of Mt. Cook, New Zealand but it looked similar to this - pretend that's him on the boardwalk!



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