

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
May 2, 2018

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 9 – The Challenges of Being a High School Principal in Today’s World. Jeff Shedd, Principal, Cape Elizabeth High School

May 16 – Warren Buffett’s Approach – A Report from the Oracle of Omaha’s Annual Meeting. Jim Moore, Rotary Club of NYC

May 23 – PARTY!!

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 9</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>
Opening Words	Speh	Swift-Kayatta	Tipton
Raffle Gift	Desmond	Dube	Frustaci
Conductor	Healey	Higgins	N Irving

*Many were disappointed that Bill Daviero’s raffle donation was not inside information on the Kentucky Derby, but instead he donated a gift certificate to Verbena – Isabell was the lucky winner!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

**May 8** – Soup Kitchen

**May 15, 5:30** – Cumberland Club. Go-To-Toronto Send-off Party (for those attending the International Convention in Toronto)

**May 16, 11 - 1** – VA2K Walk/Run, Portland VA Clinic, 144 Fore Street

**May 16** – Board meeting, following regular meeting

**May 19** – Bug Light Kite Festival – *Bug Light Open House!*

**June 3, 7:30 a.m** – Parking cars for Girls on the Run, Cumberland County Fairgrounds – see online signup sent recently.

**June 12** - Seniors lunch – see online signup sent recently.

**June 16** – Family Fun Day – see Bob Knupp if you can help chair this event.

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

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to Bill York (May 14)*

*Get well wishes to Megan Ray, daughter of Kathy & Alan, who has been fighting a severe infection and fortunately is doing better. Her address is 98 Toxteth Street #5, Brookline, MA 02446.*

**Welcome Tural!** – Laurenz installed our newest member, Tural Nadirli, who was introduced and sponsored by Bill York. Tural and his parents and 2 younger brothers moved to Maine in 2009 from his home country of Azerbaijan (I feel a geography quiz coming on!). He is a graduate of Deering High School and USM. He is an assistant branch manager at Infinity Credit Union and loves to travel, having visited St. Petersburg most recently. Bill has already put him to work, as you can see in the next article. Welcome!!!! (And our condolences to Matt McAleney who no longer has the special designation of newest member of the club.)

**Spring Cleaning** – Thanks to the volunteers who removed debris, laid plastic, hauled rocks, raked, pulled weeds, spread mulch, installed edging stones, etc. to spiff up Bug Light for the summer:

- 🧰 Bill York
- 🧰 Tural Nadirli
- 🧰 Hugh O'Shea
- 🧰 Jim Britt
- 🧰 Bob Knupp
- 🧰 Rich Daniels
- 🧰 David Lourie
- 🧰 Jack Roberts
- 🧰 Bev Altenburg
- 🧰 Isabell Kubeck
- 🧰 Ray Healey
- 🧰 Phil Dube
- 🧰 Dan McDonald
- 🧰 Mark Leasure
- 🧰 Dick Yerxa
- 🧰 Sue Sturtevant
- 🧰 Catherine Callahan, with Bret & Audrey LeBleu

(I *think* this is a complete list – apologies if it's not!)

### WHY THE CLEAN-UP WAS NEEDED:



And also thanks to John LoBosco who offered his home for the cookout afterwards on Saturday, assisted in the food prep by Chuck Redman and Sybil Riemensnider.

**More Thank You's** – This is interview season for SP-CE Rotary. Several club members have been interviewing graduating seniors from both high schools for scholarships, as well as students

completing their sophomore year for the RYLA program. Both of these activities of our club have the potential to make a significant impact on the lives of the young people who are chosen so this is a very serious endeavor. Thank you to the following for the time and effort you have put into this:

- ★ Rich Daniels, Youth Services Chair
- ★ Isabell Kubeck
- ★ Kathy Ray
- ★ Kathy Cotter
- ★ Anne Swift-Kayatta
- ★ Nicole Albert
- ★ Sybil Riemensnider
- ★ Joe Conroy
- ★ Ray Healey

**No “Summer Break” for the Hungry** – Our soup kitchen sign-up is often well supplemented by a group of students from South Portland High School (thank you, Jennifer Major!). Since school will be out for the summer, a few students may show up but it is unlikely that we will get a large group coming to help out. Therefore the club’s soup kitchen coordinators would like to compile a list of people who are able to serve at the soup kitchen that they could call if they get in a bind. Please let Phil Dube know if you are willing to be on a soup kitchen calling list.

**Auction Update** – The auction committee (Anne, Betty, me) had a philosophical discussion last night, and given that the primary object of the auction is FUN, we decided on a couple principles:

1. We are grateful for all of the donations so far but no one should feel required to make a donation. We know several people couldn’t decide what to give and that’s *perfectly all right*.
2. Although we originally asked for the estimated value, we’re going to scrap those and consider all of the donations to be “priceless.” In addition there will be no minimum bids. Since we changed the rules on you, if you’re not comfortable with this you are welcome to withdraw your donation, no questions asked, and that will be *perfectly all right*.

Again thank you so much for your donations – we have received a wonderful variety of items and we’re really looking forward to the auction. Look for a signup email at the end of next week for the May 23 meeting (since we’re expecting guests we’ll need to give Purpoodock a head count).

**Rev. Fran** – Our program this week was a classification talk featuring our own President-to-be-in-less-than-2-months Fran Bagdasarian. Fran is an ordained Interfaith Minister. Recognizing that most of us don’t know what that means, she explained to us that it has been around for about 150 years and was developed by a Jewish rabbi. It has 3 focuses: interfaith dialogue, spirituality and multi-cultural awareness. Fran fell into it by saying “yes” to several opportunities that came her way, starting with her priest suggesting that she take a course at the Bangor Theological Seminary, which led her down the path to getting her Master’s in Divinity degree and later to becoming an ordained Interfaith Minister. She views herself as specializing in Transitions and is concerned with alleviating suffering.

**A Polio Eradication Pioneer** – Nowadays we take the National Immunization Days (NID's) for granted as a tool in eradicating polio. This article written by John Sever, M.D., a Rotarian who himself was instrumental in Rotary's involvement in polio eradication, explains that they were the brainchild of Dr. Albert Sabin.

I recall a conversation with Sabin at a medical conference in Miami in the early 1960s. My wife and I had come down to the hotel restaurant for breakfast. Sabin, sitting alone having his toast and coffee, motioned us over and invited us to join him. He had something he wanted to talk about that he thought I might find interesting, as we were both involved in work on vaccines. What he described went far beyond interesting.

In those days, children in the United States were immunized much the same way as they are now: individually, on a schedule determined by a child's age. But in Cuba, Sabin told me, they'd done it differently. In a country without reliable refrigeration, it didn't make sense to try to store perishable vaccine in every hospital and clinic. Instead, the health authorities had decided to vaccinate the entire country in one fell swoop – all of the children in a matter of just a few days. Six months later, they came back and did it again.

The results were as spectacular as they were unexpected. By vaccinating all the children simultaneously, Cuba had not only protected each vaccinated child but deprived the virus of all of its potential carriers. Cuba, he told me, had eliminated polio.

The words were electrifying. We were only a few years out from the era of unstoppable polio epidemics in the United States and elsewhere. At that time, no disease had ever been eradicated. But there before me was Albert Sabin, sipping his coffee, saying that if had been done in one country, "we might be able to do it everywhere."

For the next 30 years, Sabin pursued this possibility as single-mindedly as he had once pursued the vaccine itself. He traveled the world, conferring with governments and experts, and wrote paper after paper that meticulously explored the mechanisms by which polio might be defeated. Two elements, he said, were the keys to success: the use of the oral vaccine, and the need to administer it to an entire population at once.

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