

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
May 30, 2018

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

June 6 – Carrie Lewis, CEO, Portland Water District
June 13 – WinterFest planning
June 20 – Change-Over
June 27 – Bob Ayotte, Girls on the Run

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>June 6</u>	<u>June 13</u>	<u>June 20</u>
Opening Words	Veroneau	Wagner	Yerxa
Raffle Gift	Gonzalez	Hawes	Healey
Conductor	Knupp	Kubeck	Landry

Chuck Redman won a gift certificate to Two Fat Cats Bakery donated by Mike Geneseo.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June 2 (this Saturday), 8-4 – Sea Cadets annual car wash & yard sale at American Legion Post, 413 Broadway, SOPO. If you have yard sale items, you can drop them off after 5 on Friday or on Saturday morning.

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

June 12 - Seniors Lunch at McKernan Center – see online signup sent recently.

June 16 – Family Fun Day, expertly chaired by Bill Daviero – see online signup.

June 16, 10-4 – Native Plant Sale, Maine Audubon, Gilsland Farm

June 23-27 – Rotary International Convention, Toronto

July 1 – More parking cars – this time at Higgins Beach for the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to :

 *Bill Anderson (June 10)*

 *Virginia Schmidt (June 12)*

Happy Anniversary to:

🏠 Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu (June 10)

🏠 Jim & Gillian Britt (June 11)

Welcome back, Ellie Speh!

A Face from the Past – Last night we were joined by Past President Jeff Gabrielson, who now lives in Vermont and is babysitting this week for his grandkids in Cape Elizabeth. Jeff was president in 2003-04 and his personal theme was for the club to have F-U-N, which stood for Fellowship, Understanding and Nurturing. He accomplished the Fellowship part by inviting the entire club (not all at once – a few at a time) to dinner at his home each month. His wife Linda teaches nutrition and is an excellent cook, so these were very delicious and fun evenings. Jeff's presidency was also characterized by him telling a joke at every meeting – most of them were pretty corny!

Homeless Veterans – Our club's Veterans Committee is active throughout the year so sometimes it's hard to know when to pause and report on their activities, but Chair Dan Davidson recently recapped our club's donations for the year to date, all designed to help veterans transition into housing, keep their housing, or secure and maintain employment. The list is impressive:

- ✓ A generator to help a veteran heat a home.
- ✓ Numerous Irving gasoline cards to enable veterans to get to medical appointments and job interviews, etc.
- ✓ Walmart cards to enable the purchase of necessary household goods, etc.
- ✓ Hannaford cards to enable the purchase of foods.
- ✓ Numerous combination bedding sets
- ✓ 30 cookware sets
- ✓ Cost of temporary transportation for a transitioning vet
- ✓ 37 coffee pots & filter sets
- ✓ 30 toasters
- ✓ Work boots required by an employer for a veteran's job
- ✓ Payment of temporary self-storage cost
- ✓ 10 microwave ovens
- ✓ Cases of laundry detergent
- ✓ 21 starter sets of dishes

Our donations so far this year exceed \$8,100! Thanks to the entire committee for your efforts, and in fact to the entire club – this is the result of us hauling Christmas trees and standing in the cold to monitor WinterFest events, not to mention rolling fried dough!

Hospice of Southern Maine – Our speaker this week was Carol Schoneberg, Bereavement Services Manager of Hospice of Southern Maine (HSM), introduced by Mike Geneseo who worked with her in the past. HSM received a grant for \$450,000 in the 1990's from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, one of the larger grants they made at that time for hospice education. The reason that Maine received such a relatively large grant was that at the time only 6% of the people dying in Maine were under hospice care. HSM has an 18-bed facility – the Gosnell House

– but 80% of the patients receiving hospice services die in their own homes. Carol is a firm believer in the value of hospice and the improvement that it makes in the quality of dying. HSM is a non-profit and its services are provided to anyone, whether insured or not, with no out-of-pocket costs. This also applies to their grief counseling services which she leads – they are available to anyone in the community at no cost up to a year after the death of a loved one, even if that person was not receiving hospice services. Carol also provides grief counseling services to those who see death a lot in their profession – oncology nurses, Preble Street staff, and most recently the staff at Park Danforth.

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