

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
November 8, 2017

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 15 – Classification Talks, Ursula Schmidt & Michael Geneseo  
November 22 – NO MEETING – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November 29</u>	<u>December 6</u>
Opening Words	Kubeck	Landry	Leasure
Raffle Gift	Veroneau	Wagner	Yerxa
Conductor	Anderson	Altenburg	D Bagdasarian

*Since the Bagdasarians were not there this week, everyone else's chances to win the raffle increased astronomically - congratulations to Bill Anderson who won a gift certificate to the Farm Stand donated by Mike Tranfaglia (Bill was a double winner since his Hawkeyes beat the Buckeyes last weekend!)*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**November 11 – Rotary UN Day**

**November 14 – Soup Kitchen – please sign up online.**

**November 18 – Tree Lot Set-up**

**November 24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Unloading**

**December 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tree Unloading**

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

## *What's New With Our Members*

*Happy Anniversary to Tony Wagner & Sally Campbell (11/22)*

*Happy Birthday to  
Denis Landry (11/17)  
Marge Barker (11/27)*

*Congratulations to Dan Davidson for earning his Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) +2 pin for his steady stream of donations to the Foundation - and thank you to Edie for staying married to him all these years so that he can make those anniversary donations!*

*Thank you to all Veterans everywhere for their service!*

**Dartboard Method Wins Again** – Following up his half-win last week, Tom Meyers stepped it up this week and took the trophy without having to share it with anyone. He and Sue both had 10 correct picks but Tom won the tie breaker with the exact number of points. Please note that Commissioner (or Assistant Commissioner, it's not really clear who's who) Chuck will be out of town so pick sheets for weeks 10 and 11 should be turned into Bill York.

**Write to Read** – We were visited this week by visiting Rotarians Peter Johnson of Yarmouth and Shirley-Pat Chamberlain from a little further away – Williams Lake, British Columbia (which is 8 hours north of Vancouver). Shirley-Pat has been instrumental in the Write to Read Project, which delivers books, libraries, computers, tablets & high speed internet connections to remote First Nation communities in British Columbia. Shirley-Pat was in our neck of the woods to speak to the Yarmouth club about their grant to support Write to Read.

**This Close!** – In recognition of November as Rotary Foundation Month, our speaker this week was Past RI Vice-President, Past Foundation Trustee, current Chair of RI's PolioPlus Committee and, oh by the way, member of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth Rotary Mike McGovern. Mike spoke about the early history of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio in the Philippines and our struggle to be taken seriously by the world's public health organizations until we came to the table with \$247 million! And the fundraising didn't stop there – by the end of the current 3-year campaign, Rotary will have donated \$1.2 billion to polio eradication, and in addition the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will have given just shy of \$1 billion through the Rotary Foundation to end polio.

Mike spoke of his recent trip to Nigeria during which he visited a camp of refugees from Boko Haran, and also visited a lab where the last 4 cases of polio in Africa had been analyzed. He discussed the process to certify the world as polio-free, and the possibility that vaccine-derived polio cases can still occur even after a region is certified as polio-free. The committee that Mike chairs decides how to allocate polio eradication funds to WHO and UNICEF – to pay for vaccine, labs, camels(!), drivers, community vaccinators, etc. It was a real treat to hear firsthand about this monumental effort that would not have happened without Rotary inspiration, perseverance, and countless dinners, football pools and other fundraisers.

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