

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
October 25, 2017

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 1 – Linda Cohen, Voting in Maine

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>
Opening Words	Danielson	Knupp	Kubeck
Raffle Gift	Tipton	Tranfaglia	Veroneau
Conductor	York	Albert	Anderson

*Congratulations to Commissioner Chuck Redman who won the raffle gift of a Stonewall Kitchen gift certificate donated by Anne Swift-Kayatta.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**November 7 – 6:00 p.m. Cape Elizabeth Lion’s Club Dinner at Bowery Beach Schoolhouse.  
Cost is \$14 pp. See the email from Doug Schauf inviting you to sign up online.**

**November 11 – Rotary UN Day**

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

**November 18 – Tree Lot Set-up**

**November 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Unloading**

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

## *What’s New With Our Members*

*Happy Anniversary to Hugh & Margaret O’Shea (November 2)*

*Congratulations to Michele Danois for the great publicity on Channel 6’s 207 program, and for all she does for the SP schoolchildren.*

*Best wishes to Sherm Altenburg for a speedy recovery following surgery.*

*A fond farewell to Marge Barker as she joins the Windham Rotary Club!*

**Perfect Hugh!** – You would think that with 13 correct picks, Anne would have won the football pool this week. But no, she was beat out by Hugh O’Shea who aced it with 14 correct picks. Some of us have our own strategies for making our picks – alphabetically (McGovern), home teams (Roberts), zigzag down the sheet (Butterworth), wait till the games have been played (Redman), but Hugh has his own secret formula: “pick the better team and cross your fingers.” If only I had thought of picking the better teams! Congratulations, Hugh!

**Let’s Have Some Fun!** – Selling Christmas trees that is. Fran gave us an overview of the tree sale last night, and we will be invited to sign up online soon (probably next week). We will again be expected to volunteer for 4 shifts of 3 hours each. New members are encouraged to sign up with more experienced members (and vice versa!). Good news is that we will be having residents from the Cumberland County facility help with the tree unloadings.

*From Ellie Speh, who was concerned that her flip remark at this week’s meeting may not have been taken the way that she intended:*

“What I would really like new members to know is that they are in for a treat working at the Tree Lot this season. It is a fun, welcoming event for all and a tradition for many families who have been coming back every year, even though we now have lots of competition. When folks come on the lot, they are met by Rotarians willing to help them pick out the perfect tree while their children get a candy cane and select an ornament from a special little tree set up just for them. There are also visits from Santa and Santa’s Elf! Club members experience a special camaraderie while warming themselves around the little heater in the trailer and munching on homemade goodies supplied by Nancy Irving, Nancy Hawes and Edie Davidson among others. Even the lot set up (Sat. Nov 18th) and tree unloadings (Friday, Nov 24th and Sat. Dec. 2nd) are fun with Club members working together to get things set up in record time. It is an all-around positive experience that Club members and the Community look forward to every year!”  
*(Ed – so I guess she has committed us to baking cookies for another year!)*

**Self-Reflection** – this week our Membership Director Laurenz Schmidt gave an excellent presentation on the results of the survey conducted last month. An astonishing 74% of the club returned the survey, indicating that we all care about the health of our club. Here are some of the key points:

- We were pretty much all in agreement in approving of the meetings themselves (time, length, venue, programs).
- Nearly all of us joined Rotary in order to give back to our community.
- Many people would like to be more involved in the new member orientation process, local projects and international projects.
- The Membership Committee will be looking at the following issues which came out of the survey:

- How to increase diversity (M/F, age, ethnic)
- How to improve fellowship and camaraderie
- Are we trying to undertake too many projects simultaneously?
- How can we do more with youth?
- Should we be doing more hands-on international projects?

The Membership Committee's process will be to meet as a committee or form an ad hoc committee (e.g. youth) to discuss the issues outlined above as well as other suggestions made in the survey. The Committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the Board, and then to the club. Laurenz encourages all club members to contact him if you would like to offer suggestions or have questions. Thank you, Laurenz, for this very enlightening and perceptive look at ourselves.

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