

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
September 6, 2017

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 13 – Joan Frustaci & Sam Rinaldi – in Joanie’s words, “come have some laughs at my expense!”

September 20 – Meeting to discuss club business

September 27 – No Meeting (Theater Night on Thursday instead)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>Sept. 20</u>	<u>October 4</u>
Opening Words	Dube	Farrell	Frustaci
Raffle Gift	L. Schmidt	U Schmidt	V Schmidt
Conductor	Swift-Kayatta	Tipton	Tranfaglia

Mike McGovern won a gift certificate to C Salt Gourmet, courtesy of Doug Schauf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 9 – Maine Lighthouse Day; open house at Bug Light (see online sign-up)

September 12 – Soup Kitchen; please sign up online.

September 20 – Board meeting, following regular club meeting

September 28 – Theater Night – Nunsense. Pre-show party starts at 6:00; show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$20, which includes great refreshments – you will definitely get your money’s worth!

October 19, 6-8 p.m. – District Visioning Workshop, South Portland Housing Authority

What’s New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Edie Davidson - 55 years!

Confusing My Nuns – I’ve been thinking all along that I’ve already seen Nunsense as the movie with Whoopie Goldberg, until I realized that that’s a completely different story (i.e. Sister Act)! So it turns out I haven’t seen Nunsense at all so I’m really looking forward to it! I googled it and it has been an incredibly successful show, with a storyline that really does sound like a lot of *Nonsense*. Tickets are \$20 each – the same price as our regular meeting + a couple happy dollars. There will be a party beforehand with plenty of hors d’oeuvres and the chance to win several raffle prizes. It will be lots of fun – and even more so with you there!

I See the Light! – And lots of other folks will too this Saturday – Maine Open Lighthouse Day. In preparation for the event, a few club members have worked hard to get the lighthouse spruced up: Tony Wagner, Mark Leasure, Mike Geneseo, Alec Livingston, Dan Davidson and especially Tom Meyers (who has been working on the restored palmettos).



It's Time for Kickoff – The football pool has officially started – picks for the first week are due to Associate Commissioner Chuck by gametime on Sunday (Thursday night games are not included – we all would have lost). Here's how it works:

- ✓ There will be a winner each week based on the greatest number of correct winning teams picked – and if everyone picks the same team (for example if we all picked only home teams as I did for the first week), then the total points scored in the Monday night game is the tiebreaker.
- ✓ At the end of the season, the person with the most weekly wins will be the trophy winner. If there is a tie for the number of weekly wins, it will be decided by the person with the most correct picks for the entire season.
- ✓ There will be some sort of recognition for the person with the most correct picks for the season.
- ✓ If you can figure out a way to cheat, you're welcome to (the 4-Way Test doesn't apply – only the Jim Russell One-Way Test: "Is it good for me?").

Good luck, everyone!

Where Your Treasure Is – Many of us wondered what book Bill Daviero found his eloquent opening words in – but it turns out he wrote them himself!! And coincidentally after reminding us of the importance of the intangibles in life over material possessions, he was acknowledged for his faithful giving to The Rotary Foundation. When it comes to the Foundation some of you have heard it said many times that the amount doesn't matter so much as the act of giving, and Bill is proof-positive that the pattern of steady giving can really amount to something. Thank you Bill for your years of continued generosity to the Foundation (and sorry to embarrass you!!).



Patriotic Potatoes!! – Former member Jeff Hobbs visited the club this week to present us a check for \$1,046, all from the proceeds of selling red, white & blue potatoes to his summer neighbors on Little Diamond Island. Jeff has financially augmented the club’s efforts to help homeless veterans for several years – the money will be used to help supply them with transportation passes, Hannaford gift cards, bedding, kitchenware and other essential items to be independent. Thank you, Jeff!!!!



Crutches 4 Africa – Seventeen Rotarians from our club, Saco Bay and Saco Bay Sunset loaded our district’s 7th shipping container full of mobility devices to send to Africa. They loaded almost 800 sets of crutches, with a retail value of over \$30,000.



Left to right: Paul Smith, Mike Collard, Phil Hatch, David Lourie, Bill Souter, Tony DeBarros, Ethan Souter, Jesse Souter, Tony LeBlanc, (in rear), Diane LeBlanc, (in front of Tony), Tony Wagner, Israel Collins, Dennis Robillard, Leo Menard, Tina Wilson, Chase Walker - Photo courtesy of Jim Britt.

Preventing Elder Abuse – Our speaker this week was Betty Balderston, Elder Abuse Prevention Advocate for Legal Services for the Elderly in Augusta. Betty spoke about the epidemic of elder abuse, which affects over 33,000 elders in Maine each year. There are several forms of abuse but Betty spoke about the most common one, financial exploitation. Much of this abuse goes unreported because 90% of the abusers are family members. Warning signs of elder abuse

include sudden changes in appearance or personality, social isolation and loss of ability to meet financial obligations. If you suspect elder abuse there are several agencies you can contact, including:

- Adult Protective Services, Maine DHHS; hotline 1-800-624-8404
- Legal Services for the Elderly; 1-800-750-5353
- Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging; 1-877-353-3771
- Maine Office of Securities; 1-877-624-8551
- Domestic Violence Resource Centers; 1-866-83-4HELP

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