

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

April 24, 2019



*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 1 – Terry Hayes, Hospitality Maine

May 8 – Kate Wallace, The Resilience Hub

May 15 – Lee Patenaude, Bath Rotary Club, International Project

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>
Opening Words	McGovern	McKenna	Meyers
Raffle Gift	Cotter	Butler	Daniels
Conductor	Daviero	Desmond	Dube
Set Up #1	U Schmidt	Wagner	Sturtevant
Set Up #2	V Schmidt	Sprague	Swift-Kayatta

*Catherine Callahan won the raffle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in two weeks – unfortunately for her she didn't actually win a prize – yet!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**May 11** – 9 a.m., 20 Gooch Street, Biddeford – Crutches4Africa loading – see below.

**May 18** – Bug Light Kite Festival; Bug Light will be open for tours

**May 20 (Monday)** – Seniors Lunch at McKernan Center, SMCC. Kathy Cotter is coordinating. Rumor has it that this event is so popular that there is a 30-person waiting list!

**May 29** – Antique Car Show at Bug Light (open for tours)

**June 15** – Family Fun Day, Fort Williams Park

**June 21-22, 2019** – RotaryFest 2019! District Conference at Fort Williams. Free event for the whole family – plan to attend!! Register online at District 7780 webpage.

**June 30** – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Art for Preservation (we will help park cars)

### *What's New With Our Members*

*May Day! May Day! It's Mr. Perfect Hugh O'Shea's birthday on May 1*

*We welcomed to this week's meeting Denis Landry's son Brendan who works at Gulf of Maine Research Institute - he had a particular interest in hearing this week's speaker.*

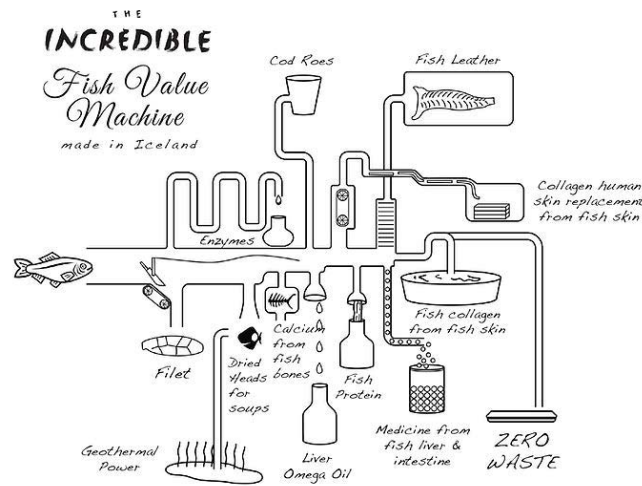
*Thank you Dan McDonald for your extraordinarily eloquent opening words this week. I couldn't capture it all but managed to write down - "hope keeps disappointments and heartbreaks at bay" - words we all needed to hear.*

**HELP WANTED!!** – No one is irreplaceable, right? Except for Scott Irving! After many years of serving as our incredibly competent – and PATIENT! – webmaster, Scott has decided it's time to let someone else fill that role. If you have any technical ability at all, please consider volunteering for this duty. Scott will train you, and there are no board or committee meetings involved! Please let David know if you might be interested – or feel free to contact Scott to find out more about what the role entails.

**From Tony Wagner:** “We often talk about the benefit to individual members by being a Rotarian. We also talk about fellowship. Twelve Rotarians and Spouses, provided and served food at Tony's home, for guests of the family who attended the recent services for Sally. This is a prime example of the 60:40 rule, namely 60 % of the benefit should be to the Rotarian, and thus Rotary will get the remaining 40%.” Tony referred to the Rotarians helping him out as the Rotary Mafia, and they include John & Sue LoBosco, Nancy & Scott Irving, Dan & Edie Davidson, Tom & Marti Meyers, Betty Egner, Sue Sturtevant and Bill Daviero.

**Speaker “Gifts”** – Often this occurs behind the scenes, but President Fran reminded us all this week of what the club “gives” to our speakers as a thank you gift. In lieu of a mug, pen or other Rotary paraphernalia that we used to give to each weekly speaker, we donate a book to the local library in their name. The library picks out the books and at the end of each meeting our speaker signs a bookplate to be inserted in the book. Many thanks to Dan and Edie Davidson who have been our library liaisons for years. This is just one of the ways that our club champions literacy. (For another literacy project, come to RotaryFest on June 22 and help build a Little Free Library!)

**New England Ocean Cluster** – Our speaker this week was CE native (and now SP resident) Chris Cary, Chief Operating and Marketing Officer of the New England Ocean Cluster (NEOC). The NEOC grew out of the Iceland Ocean Cluster and has strong ties to Iceland (and especially Eimskip) as well as other North Atlantic countries. The impetus behind the formation of the Iceland cluster was the fact that only 35% of the cod is actually eaten. The Cluster brought together various businesses and researchers to figure out how to use the **WHOLE** cod – and they did! So now the parts of the cod that are not eaten are even more valuable than the part that is sold for consumption. Chris said that they learned from Icelanders not to think of Maine as being on the far edge of the US but as being the first port of call to the rest of the world. He was very high on Maine’s opportunities in the “blue economy,” saying “we’re about to explode!”



**Crutches4Africa** – There will be a container-loading party on Saturday May 11 at 9 a.m. on 20 Gooch Street in Biddeford. For those unfamiliar with C4A, this is a Rotarian-initiated organization that collects used crutches and other mobility devices, loads them into a container and ships them to Africa (or another country) for distribution. The devices are personally distributed by the Rotarian founders of C4A so we know they end up being used for their intended purpose. Our district loaded a container in October which went to Ghana; this will be our district’s NINTH container (I think we must qualify as C4A superstars). The C4A website says that the next shipments are going to Nigeria, Togo, Cameroon, Uganda and Kenya so not sure which one, but this container will probably go to one of those countries. So far the organization has collected 116,085 mobility devices and distributed them in 26 countries. This is a great hands-on inter-club opportunity! Please contact Dennis Robillard of the Saco Bay club at [dennis@risc-now.com](mailto:dennis@risc-now.com) if you plan to attend.



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