

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 15, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 22 – Claude Rwaganje, Prosperity ME: The Center for Financial Literacy

August 29 – Meeting at SP Boys & Girls Club - NOT at Purpoodock

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 22</u>	<u>August 29</u>	<u>September 5</u>
Opening Words	Butterworth	Callahan	Conroy
Raffle Gift	McCoy	McDonald	McGovern
Conductor	Murphy	Mutty	Nadirli

p.s. to last week's description of the duties – in the category of "Opening Words," you can add the option of trivia questions, like the ones we had from Paul about humpback whales. Congratulations to Phil Dube & Catherine Carty-Wilbur who knew the answers!

Yes, you're allowed to win your own prize. So David Lourie won the gift certificate to Nonesuch Books that he had donated. His librarian wife Joyce will no doubt enjoy it!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 19 – District 7780 at the Sea Dogs! See District website to order tkts.

September 8, 9-3 – Maine Open Lighthouse Day – open house at Bug Light

September 15 – Tree planting work party

September 21 – Theater Night, Little Shop of Horrors

September 22 – Work party at Ft. Williams for tree rack maintenance, followed by picnic

September 20-22 – Zone Conference, Montreal

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Tony Wagner (August 24)

We had a real intra-district meeting this week with members of Falmouth, Freeport & Westbrook-Gorham clubs in attendance. It was a pleasure meeting them and learning about the great things their clubs are doing!

A big THANKS to Jim Britt and everyone who worked on Art in the Park for a very successful event!



Soup Servers – Thanks to the following who responded to David's request for help at the Soup Kitchen this month:

- Paul Butler
- Joe Conroy
- Kathy Cotter
- Phil Dube
- Ray H-E-A-L-E-Y
- Bob Knupp
- David Lourie

Interested in Going into Orbit? – In last year's membership survey, some members expressed an interest in a satellite meeting. What is it? You're still part of SP-CE Rotary but you meet at a different (more convenient) time, either routinely or once in a while. Please let Laurenz know if you are interested in such an option, or conversely if you have strong feelings about whether it would dilute the club.

Drinking the Kakamega Kool-Aid – Our speakers this week were Catherine Carty-Wilbur and Tom Wilbur, owners of Wilbur’s Chocolates. But they weren’t here to talk about chocolate (although they did pass around a box!). They both participated in District 7780’s cultural exchange trip to Kenya this past spring. The group visited Nairobi and spent a week at the Kakamega Orphans Care Center in western Kenya, which the Freeport Rotary Club helped to found. Tom is a long-time member of the Freeport club and was formerly extremely active in Rotary Youth Exchange in our district. After the trip to Kenya, he related that he was just as passionate about supporting Kakamega as he had formerly been about youth exchange. The orphanage houses 46 residential students, but also has an extensive outreach program which includes:

- * Home-based sponsorship program – children live with extended family members but receive support from the Center for books, school uniforms & fees, mattress, blanket, seeds & fertilizer for the family. Cost to sponsor a child is \$415/year through 8th grade. When the exchange team came home, they recruited sponsors for nearly all of the children who needed sponsors; there are still a small handful in need of sponsors and of course children are added to the program all the time.
- * Strong Young Women – this program gives \$400 to a woman age 23-28 to invest in planting a crop. There were tremendous success stories of young women who were able to maintain their families but also to make improvements to their family’s situation – e.g. buying a cow or building a house.
- * Healthy Homes Project – the Bethel Rotary club is applying for a Foundation grant to help fund this program which provides the materials for leak-free roofs, healthy latrines and solid walls. The homeowner and their friends/neighbors must provide all the labor.

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