

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 29, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

September 5 – Adam Goldberg, Maine Mariners
September 12 – Scott & Nancy Irving, Beekeeping
September 19 – No meeting (participate in work parties on 9/15 or 9/22 instead)
September 26 – No meeting (attend Theater Night instead)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>September 5</u>	<u>September 12</u>	<u>October 3</u>
Opening Words	Conroy	Cotter	Daniels
Raffle Gift	McGovern	Meyers	Murphy
Conductor	Nadirli	O'Shea	Ray

Nicole Albert was the lucky winner of a gift certificate donated by Dan McDonald.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 8, 9-3 – Maine Open Lighthouse Day – open house at Bug Light. See sign-up email; most shifts are only 2 hours. A great way to meet not only your neighbors but people from all over the country!

September 13, 4-6p.m. – Tree planting work party behind CEHS. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!**

September 22 – Work party at Ft. Williams for tree rack maintenance, followed by picnic. You don't have to work in order to attend the picnic, but if you do plan to attend the picnic, please respond so that there will be enough food.

September 20-22 – Zone Conference, Montreal

September 27 – Theater Night, Little Shop of Horrors

November 3 – District Joint Foundation & Membership Seminar, Husson University

June 21-22, 2019 – District Conference at Fort Williams

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Scott Irving (Sept. 9)

Happy Anniversary to

🌸 Rick & Diane Dobson (Sept. 6 - honorary member)

🌸 Bob & Alicia Danielson (Sept. 10)

A big thank you to Mike Geneseo (& Anania's) for the delicious lasagna supper!

Several people send their greetings to the club:

➤ *Alec Livingston*

➤ *Bob Carson*

➤ *Marianne Goff (now a member of the Bethel club)*

➤ *Bob Clark - CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine & Portland Rotarian (who was taking his kids to college but otherwise would have been at our meeting this week)*

District Conference in Our Back Yard – Save the Date! – One of the biggest responsibilities of the District Governor is to plan and hold a district conference, usually at the end of the Rotary year. After considering lots of possibilities, John decided he wanted to conduct a conference that would be welcoming to Rotarians with young families – and to the rest of us too! We have enjoyed meeting at Fort Williams for so many years, and now the rest of the District will get to have that opportunity as well. It's so fitting that after all the time and money that our club has put into the park (and in particular the picnic shelter), that we will be able to show it off to our fellow Rotarians.

The Cape Elizabeth Town Council, at the recommendation of the Fort Williams Park Committee, graciously agreed to our early reservation request, as well as a waiver of the customary fees. Tony Wagner, Chuck Redman, Bill Anderson, Tom Meyers and President Fran all helped in attending meetings to secure the approval. The planning for the conference itself will be led by Past District Governor Lawrence Furbish of the Sanford-Springvale club.

Mark your calendars for **June 21-22** so that we can come support our District Governor, and more importantly so we can have FUN!

The Pool is Open – Football pool, that is. See my separate email to club members explaining how the pool works. This is the 3rd year of the pool and in past years it has proven to be a LOT of fun, as well as a very successful fundraiser for PolioPlus, the Rotary Foundation's fund for eradication of polio. Among its many endeavors, the Bill & Melinda Gates has been a wonderful

partner to Rotary in our campaign to end polio. They pledged a three-year 2:1 match up to \$50 million – so if Rotary spends \$50 million to eradicate polio, the Gates Foundation will spend \$100 million – for a total of \$150 million. So your \$50 donation to enter the football pool translates into \$150 worth of spending to eradicate polio.

Another thing I neglected to clarify in my email about the pool is that the \$50 entrance fee is a **one-time** donation. The season lasts for 17 weeks so each week’s fun costs you only \$2.94!

Where Everybody Knows Your Name – No, it’s not a bar, but they do have billiards tables. The South Portland Boys & Girls Club describes themselves as “very relationship-based” and they make a point of knowing every kid who comes through their doors. We learned about the organization from B/G Club of Southern Maine COO Karen MacDonald, SP Clubhouse Director Mary Goodrich and our tour guide Lee Klarman. The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to help kids reach their full potential, especially kids who don’t have a lot of opportunities. They are focused on helping each child to graduate from high school and to have a plan for the future. The clubhouse is a very active place, serving 150 kids a day with a ton of activities, including:

- ❖ Basketball court
- ❖ Weight room
- ❖ Yoga
- ❖ Game room
- ❖ Photography
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Technology (ipads)
- ❖ Billiards
- ❖ Science experiments
- ❖ Tutoring/help with homework
- ❖ Healthy snacks
- ❖ Bike mechanics
- ❖ Sailing with SailMaine
- ❖ Camping
- ❖ Hiking
- ❖ College visits
- ❖ Scholarships to college
- ❖ Scholarships to summer camp

Every single one of us who took the tour of the clubhouse was very impressed at the opportunities that the club offers.



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