

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
August 8, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August 15 – Tom & Catherine Wilbur (Freeport Rotary), Dist. 7780 Cultural Exchange Trip to Kenya
August 22 – Claude Rwaganje, Prosperity ME: The Center for Financial Literacy
August 29 – NOT at Purpoodock – stay tuned for meeting location

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>	<u>August 29</u>
Opening Words	Butler	Butterworth	Callahan
Raffle Gift	Lourie	McCoy	McDonald
Conductor	Meyers	Murphy	Mutty

Expansion of Duties for New Club Members:

- ✓ *Opening Words* – this is the equivalent of an invocation in many clubs. It can be a traditional invocation (non-denominational please), but it can be anything else you want – a poem, an excerpt from a book, an inspirational quote, a bit of Rotary history, your thoughts on the weather or your favorite ball team – ANYTHING. The only “rule” is nothing overtly political please.
- ✓ *Raffle Gift* – usually a gift certificate but it doesn’t have to be.
- ✓ *Conductor* – a more accurate name is “raffle ticket seller.” Please arrive 5:30-ish to sit next to Kathy Cotter and sell raffle tickets.
- ✓ *Schedule*- We go in alphabetical order unless someone has asked to switch. If you see that your name is coming up in the alphabet and you know you can’t make it, you can ask me to switch you around, OR you can ask the person before or after you to switch weeks.

After extensive debate about how to apply the 4-Way Test when the raffle winner (a visiting PDG) had to leave before the drawing, the lucky winner was Anne Swift-Kayatta who won a gift certificate to Kettle Cove Creamery donated by John LoBosco.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

August 11 – Art in the Park, Mill Creek Park, South Portland

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 Joe Conroy (August 16)

Welcome to the World:

David Bagdasarian III - Fran & Dave are the proud grandparents.

Weston Anton Wagner - grandson of Anton (Tony) Wagner & Sally Campbell

Congratulations to All!

Congratulations to Ellie Speh who was presented with a "PHF+4" pin in recognition of her continuing generous support of The Rotary Foundation!

Congratulations to everyone who survived the Beach to Beacon!

Congratulations to Sushil Gupta of Delhi, India on his selection to be the 2020-21 RI President. The nominating committee was expertly chaired by Mike McGovern.

Think Snow! – On a hot humid night, it was nice to think about snow and ice. Doug Schauf and Bev Altenburg spoke about the revenue history of WinterFest (from netting \$15,000 to over \$30,000 in the 6 years we've done it), the current revenue target (\$43,000) and the need to have involvement from the entire club ("many hands make light work"). Nancy Irving and Mike

Geneseo put together some great posters to display the sign-up sheets. When the committee spoke to the club in June, they asked for more help on the committee. Since then the committee has doubled in size.

Original members:

- Doug Schauf
- Bev Altenburg
- Kathy Cotter
- Tony Wagner

New Recruits (thank you!):

- Dave Bagdasarian
- Betty Egner
- Nancy Irving
- Scott Irving

A couple of take-aways re sponsorship:

1. We don't have to be confined to local businesses. Feel free to target larger companies or franchises.
2. Please check with the WinterFest committee before approaching a new sponsor to find out if they have already been asked.

Service Above Self – If you were aware that Nancy Irving was on a leave of absence, then you might be puzzled by the above article which shows that she's actively involved in the upcoming WinterFest. That's just the kind of "Service Above Self" person that Nancy is – even though she's on a leave she still wanted to help with WinterFest. In recognition of that attitude and Nancy's history of service to the club, the 2017-18 Board decided to observe her temporary departure from the club by awarding her a multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin. Last year's president Sue Sturtevant described Nancy's service as treasurer since 2012 as "unscrupulously honest, trustworthy and diligent... an excellent steward of our funds." A recognition from The Rotary Foundation is appropriate for Nancy because she has been an excellent supporter of the Foundation, including serving as co-chair in the year that she had to step down as treasurer, and hosting a Polio Dine-Around dinner. Congratulations, Nancy and we'll see you this winter (and on September 12 when you and Scott speak about beekeeping)!

Summer Reading – Two books were mentioned at this week's meeting:

Barking to the Choir - The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle. Jim Britt's invocation came from this book written by a Jesuit priest who founded Homeboy Industries. He traces his experiences working with gangs in Los Angeles for three decades, sharing what his efforts have taught him about faith, compassion and the enduring power of radical kinship.

Factfulness – Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling. This book talks about the state of the world as far as poverty, education, health, etc. and why people are so ignorant about the true state of things. I found it to be very validating of what The Rotary Foundation is doing and it demonstrates how our

Foundation - along with a lot of other entities – is actually making a difference. For instance this statement reminded me of the philosophy of Lonnie Hackett and Healthy Kids Brighter Future (health education program in Zambia which our club has supported through the Rotary Foundation): “So if you are investing money to improve health on Level 1 or 2 (the 2 poorest levels of poverty), you should put it into primary schools, nurse education, and vaccinations. Big impressive-looking hospitals can wait.”

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