

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 19, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 26 – No Meeting

January 2 – No Meeting

January 9 – Club Assembly – WinterFest (Purpoodock closed; finalizing details on location – look for email)

January 16 – Mariners Hockey!

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>January 9</u>	<u>January 23</u>	<u>January 30</u>
Opening Words	Hawes	Healey	Higgins
Raffle Gift	Speh	Sturtevant	Sprague
Conductor	Veroneau	Wagner	Yerxa
Set Up #1	Desmond	Egner	Geneseo
Set Up #2	Dube	Frustaci	Gonzalez

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 22 or 23 (weather dependent) – Tree lot takedown. More info to come from Mike Geneseo as we make decisions based on the weather.

January 16 – Club will be “meeting” at Maine Mariners hockey game – family & friends welcome to join us. Dave has already put a deposit down on 40 tickets. If you haven’t signed up yet, there are still tickets available. You can get your tickets at the January 9 meeting or at the Will Call window on the day of the game.

January 24, 5-6:30 – Naloxone (Narcan) training at Maine Medical Center.

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

As our guest, Ben Lowry drew the winning ticket, which turned out to be his own! He won a gift certificate to Verbena donated by Ursula Schmidt.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to

🎁 Isabell & Mark Kubeck - January 6

🎁 Alec & Sharon Livingston - January 7

Happy Birthday to Chuck Redman (January 9), and to Judy Knupp's mother who is turning 100!

Congratulations to Paul Butler who won the football pool for the first time this season.

Thank you to Shannon who serves us so capably every week at the Purpoodock Club (President Fran presented her with a gift from the club).

Tree Sale Stuff – David Lourie auctioned off the last wreath to Bob Knupp for \$24. As I carried them off the truck, I never thought we'd sell them all but we did – we sold all 480 of them!!! And at this moment we have sold all but a few of the 2,200 trees. This means that we have made a record amount of profit this year – congratulations to all of us, and especially to tree chair David!!

Opiod Addiction Crisis – Ben Lowry of the Portland club was our special guest this evening and he spoke about the activities of the District 7780 Recovery Initiative Committee. There are very few degrees of separation when it comes to this crisis, and it affects people of all socioeconomic standings. Ben spoke very movingly about how it had impacted his own family – lots of people we know could tell similar stories, but we tend not to talk about it. So thank you to Ben for inviting us to shed more light on the issue and become educated. The district is offering a second opportunity to become trained on the use of Naloxone (Narcan) at Maine Medical Center on January 24 from 5-6:30.

Foundation News – Our club has a long-standing custom of donating a percentage of the profits from the tree sale and WinterFest to The Rotary Foundation. Our treasurer Nicole has sent in the club's current Rotary year contribution of:

\$6,500 – Annual Fund

\$2,000 – PolioPlus

As I said at the meeting, even though we may not meet the technical requirements of “Every Rotarian, Every Year,” we definitely meet the spirit of EREY because the club donations literally came from the efforts of ALL of us!!!

These donations bring our total giving so far this Rotary year to \$12,516 for the Annual Fund, and \$6,115 to PolioPlus. Our club is a rock star yet again!!

Last Week SPHS – Now Equal Time for CEHS! – Last week’s program featured students from SPHS who had attended RYLA. In the spirit of equal time, we want to give a shout out to 4 students from the CEHS Peace Jam club who helped us on the tree lot this past weekend:

- 🌲 Kelsey Kennedy (pictured)
- 🌲 Jack Bassett (pictured)
- 🌲 Vince Inhorn
- 🌲 Rohan Freedman.

Monday’s issue of the Portland Press Herald noted that Rohan is a semi-finalist for the 2019 Coca-Cola Scholars Program – one of 1,900 seniors out of 96,000 nationwide to achieve this level. Congratulations to Rohan, and thank you to all of the students who helped with the tree sale this year!!



Farewell, 2018! – In lieu of a regular program, this week’s meeting was a celebration of the end of the tree sale, and a pause to enjoy the holiday atmosphere. President Fran reviewed the club’s MANY accomplishments so far this year, we sang Jingle Bells, and our leader of frivolity set the tone, as seen in this photo (check their badges):



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