

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 27, 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:

March 6 – Julie Poulin, CASA  
March 13 – Terri Mulks, Camp Susan Curtis  
March 20 – Patsy Murphy, Animal Refuge League

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>
Opening Words	Gowen	Knupp	Kubeck
Raffle Gift	Veroneau	Albert	Altenburg
Conductor	Hawes	Butler	Callahan
Set Up #1	Healey	N. Irving	Lourie
Set Up #2	Higgins	Lohrman	McCoy

*Dick Yerxa made it worthwhile for Bev to stay in Maine rather than going to California for the winter (!) – she won a gift certificate to DiMillo's.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**March 14, 8 p.m.** – “A Benefit for Tim Butterworth” concert at Aura featuring the Rustic Overtones and Anna Lombard.

**March 18, 6-7:30**, District Grants Management Seminar, Brunswick Campus of SMCC (editor's note – I have registered to attend if anyone wants to go. It's free and they're feeding us!)

**April 6, 8-1** – District Training Assembly, York County Community College, Wells

**April 20, 8-3:30** – Rotary Leadership Institute, York County Community College, Wells

**June 21-22, 2019** – RotaryFest 2019! District Conference at Fort Williams (Friday work detail 1-5 p.m.) Free event for the whole family – plan to attend!!

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

*Happy Birthday, Dick Yerxa! (March 5)*

*Happy Anniversary, Tom & Marti Meyers (March 9)*

*Ray Healey tells us that Bill York joined a Rotary Club at his new home on the Isle of Wight. The club had 14 members but since Bill joined it is down to 12 (!?). However given Bill's track record of recruiting into Rotary their membership will undoubtedly be on the uptick soon!*

*March 1 marks the start of Maine Restaurant Week - I've already seen Jim Britt on TV this morning describing the events. Take advantage of this opportunity to dine at Maine's topnotch restaurants WITHOUT THE TOURISTS!*

*Tim Butterworth continues to make progress and Debbie Butterworth raves about the quality of care he is receiving from therapists at Spaulding Rehab Center. The address for Tim and Frank is 6 Parker Circle, Wakefield, MA 01880. Note benefit concert for Tim in the calendar above.*

**Leading the Fight for a World Without Cancer** – Our speaker this week was Ellen Russell, senior manager of community development for the American Cancer Society Northeast Region and a long-time resident of Cape Elizabeth. The American Cancer Society involves 1.5 million volunteers in attacking cancer from every angle:

- ❖ Research
- ❖ Direct Service Programs
- ❖ Public Education
- ❖ Behavior Change

Ellen reported that there has been a 26% decrease in the cancer mortality rate in the past 20 years so obviously they're doing something right.

In addition to bringing us Maine Restaurant Week, March is also Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. When found early, there is a 90% 5-year survival rate for colorectal cancer. Anamaria gave a firsthand testimony (her father) of the life-saving benefits of screening and encourages everyone over the new screening age of 45 to get screened.

**FINAL REPORT ON HOMELESS MAINE VETERANS PROGRAM** – *It was announced at this week's meeting that unfortunately due to a variety of reasons, we have ended our program to provide items to assist veterans transitioning out of homelessness. (Fortunately one of the reasons is a decrease in the need.) Dan Davidson, who has been the heart and soul of this program made my job easy by preparing a report for the board, which I could not improve upon so I am including word for word as Dan wrote it.*

For the record, our Club has provided major assistance through the Maine VA to help Maine's homeless veterans for the past seven Rotary years.

The Club's Committee has been truly outstanding, consisting of Tom Meyers, Doug Schauf, Paul Butler, Tony Wagner, Bob Knupp, Nicole Albert, Joe Conroy, Dan Davidson.

Our primary contact at the Maine Veterans Affairs Office has been Susie Whittington. I have met with her many times and it has been a great relationship. All our efforts have been coordinated through Susie and she has been a joy to work with. She has spoken to our club and many of you have met her and felt her incredible enthusiasm. Her professionalism and dedication to our veterans is truly without parallel. I will sorely miss working with her. She will still be a good friend.

Over the seven years, I was able to reconstruct our monetary contributions in the total amount of about \$37,392. The first year amounts were scattered a bit and not so clear. This total amount includes the Club's line-item budget plus contributions from several individuals including past member Jeff Hobbs who has been very generous.

Our help has included (but is not limited to) the following:

Cookware sets

Beds

Bedding sets

Bus passes/ZOOM passes

Hannaford gift cards

Irving gift cards

Wal-mart gift cards

Bicycles

Cleaning supplies

Trac Phones

Drinking glass sets

Pots/pans sets

Coffee makers

Toiletry kits

Work clothes

A generator

A one-time rent payment  
Etc.

Also, many individuals have purchased some of the needed items on their own beyond the Club effort and these have been added to our donations. The overall support from the Club and all its members has been amazing and valuable.

In addition, our Club has provided hundreds of volunteer hours doing planning, purchasing, delivering, communicating, record keeping, helping at the VA2K, etc..

Finally, since the VA could not do any soliciting or publicity on their own, our Club has repeatedly put out news releases about our efforts and this has resulted in wide exposure for both our Club and for the homeless veterans efforts in Maine.

As Chair, I want to again thank the Club's Homeless Veterans Committee. Everyone ... everyone ... has pitched in with a will and without any complaint and done outstanding work. Your positive attitudes and your exceptional efforts have truly made a difference in helping our veterans ... who have given so much and yet need so much.

Thanks to our entire Club.

Dan Davidson  
Chair, Maine Homeless Veterans Committee  
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