

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
February 6, 2019



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 13 – Mike McGovern, RI PolioPlus Chair, speaking on What’s New at RI  
February 20 – Jennifer Crosby, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority  
February 27 – Ellen Russell, American Cancer Society  
March 6 – Julie Poulin, CASA

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>February 13</u>	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
Opening Words	Gowen	N. Irving	S Irving
Raffle Gift	Veroneau	Wagner	Yerxa
Conductor	Hawes	D Bagdasarian	Britt
Set Up #1	Healey	S. Irving	Kubeck
Set Up #2	Higgins	Knupp	Leasure

*Congratulations to Norm Barrett, manager of the Pond Cove IGA and guest of Bev Altenburg, who won a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books, donated by Anne Swift-Kayatta.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**February 10, 7:30 – 11** – Lions Pancake Breakfast

**February 16, 5-7:30** – Lions Spaghetti Dinner

**March 16, 7:30 – 3:30**, Rotary Leadership Institute, Concord, NH (see District 7780 website FMI)

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

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

## What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to:

- 🍰 Nancy Irving - Feb. 13
- 🍰 Anne Marie McCoubrey - also Feb. 13
- 🍰 Laurenz Schmidt - Feb. 18

Get Well Wishes to:

- ★ John LoBosco - recovering from heart surgery
- ★ Diane Anderson - recovering from back surgery
- ★ Tim Butterworth - working with Mass General to try to get his seizures under control

Best Wishes in your College Career to Sarah Higgins, who told us in her Opening Words about her past attempts to start college and her excitement to be starting again at SMCC as a Criminal Justice major.

**District Cultural Exchange Trip to Romania** – Last call to apply for our district's cultural exchange trip to Romania in the first two weeks of May – deadline is this Sunday, February 10.

**Property Tax Relief for Seniors** – Another deadline coming right up is February 15 (although it's a "soft" deadline), which is the deadline for seniors in Cape Elizabeth to apply for property tax relief. Clinton Swett, tax assessor for CE and a Freeport Rotarian, explained the program to us because they are counting on word of mouth to spread the word. The maximum \$500 benefit is available to seniors who:

- ✓ Are 65 or older
- ✓ Have lived in their home 10 years or more
- ✓ Have annual income of \$60,000 or less
- ✓ Have property taxes of more than 5% of their income

The application can be downloaded from the town website or can be picked up at town hall – please pass this information on if you know of someone who might benefit. (Note that South Portland and Scarborough also have similar programs.)

**SMCC** – We were joined by three representatives of SMCC this week:

- President Joe Cassidy, who joined SMCC this past August after serving as President of Washington County Community College. Joe is a native of Calais and was even mayor of Calais!
- Eric Wellman, former SPCE Rotarian and chair of the Emergency Services Department at SMCC.
- Mark Duval, chair of the SMCC Foundation. Mark is a former SP Sunrise Rotarian and also Hugh O'Shea's father-in-law.

SMCC started out in 1946 in Augusta as a place to train GI's to get them into the workforce. And Joe explained how SMCC is still performing a similar role today, and is expanding their offerings on weekends/evenings/summers to accommodate working students. They are also partnering with BIW in a soon-to-be-announced agreement to train 1,000 workers, and potentially 2,000 more. 92% of SMCC's graduates are either employed or attending a university within 9 months of graduation, and 90% of them stay in Maine. From Sarah's opening remarks to Eric's anecdote about spending Thanksgiving dinner with his students, it was very clear that SMCC invites a very personal relationship between students and faculty.

**A Blast from the Past** – The photos below are from before my time in Rotary, and only a few club members would have been around back in 1990 when these pictures were taken. Thank you to Tom Meyers for digging these out of the CE Historical Preservation Society archives.



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