

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 30, 2019



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 6 – Joe Cassidy, President, SMCC

February 13 – Meg Baxter, Mitchell Institute

February 20 – Jennifer Crosby, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>	<u>February 20</u>
Opening Words	Higgins	Gowen	N. Irving
Raffle Gift	Swift-Kayatta	Veroneau	Wagner
Conductor	Albert	Anderson	D Bagdasarian
Set Up #1	Gowen	Healey	S. Irving
Set Up #2	Hawes	Higgins	Knupp

Congratulations to our speaker Bob MacKenzie who drew his own number in the raffle – winning a Nonesuch Books gift certificate (and a toothbrush!) donated by Patty Sprague.

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 Anniversary to Chuck & Melissa Redman - Feb. 12

Get Well Wishes to:

★ *John LoBosco*

★ *Diane Anderson - at Maine Medical Center after her back pain was finally diagnosed as a compression fracture of a vertebra*

District Cultural Exchange Trip to Romania – Time is short to apply for our district's cultural exchange trip to Romania in the first two weeks of May – deadline is February 10. This trip is similar to the one that Anamaria and Catherine went on to Bulgaria – they highly recommend it. In Catherine's words, "traveling with Rotary is an unforgettable experience."

Substance Misuse – Our speaker this week was Bob MacKenzie, Kennebunk Chief of Police. Bob has been a Rotarian for over 11 years and is a past president of his club. Prior to being known for his efforts to combat substance misuse, one of Bob's significant contributions to society was producing the film "Point of No Return," a 30-minute film about the consequences of underage drinking which has been shown in possibly all of the high schools in Maine as well as in over 30 other states. Bob has now focused his attention on Substance Misuse, particularly opioids. He is chair of the District 7780 Recovery Initiative, which consists of about 40 members who meet approximately monthly. Our own Ursula Schmidt is an active member of that committee. All are welcome to attend committee meetings, so if you have an interest contact Ursula or check the district calendar for information on committee meetings.

Bob gave us some of the statistics about substance misuse, including the staggering fact that the cost of substance misuse in the US is \$500 billion/year!! He described some of the ways that the Kennebunk Rotarians and others in the Kennebunk community have energized to spread awareness, reduce the stigma, prevent misuse in the first place, and train recovery coaches. He and the district committee would like to duplicate these activities throughout the district.

Another One in the Books! – We completed another successful WinterFest this past weekend. And by "we," I mean the City of South Portland, our MANY sponsors and advertisers, our club's WinterFest committee (Bev, Kathy C, Betty, Nancy I, Tony, Doug), everyone in the club who worked on/at WinterFest in some capacity, and our communities who turned out to have fun. We haven't heard final reports yet, but rumor has it that fundraising set a new record this year. And it was a lot of fun for everyone who attended – what a great thing that we do as a gift to the community – congratulate yourselves!!

Clubrunner won't let me upload all of the pictures I took/received in one document but here's a handful. Thank you to Dan Davidson, Sue Sturtevant and whoever took the pictures on the FB page.



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