

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

June 19, 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:

June 26 – Change-over Night! Bring your plus one! (see signup email from David Lourie)  
July 3 – Sue Sturtevant Birthday Eve – no meeting  
July 10 – Paul Fenton, Chief of Police, Cape Elizabeth  
July 17 – LobsterBake!!

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>June 26</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17 (Ft. Wms)</u>
Opening Words	Reif	Riemensnider	Roberts
Raffle Gift	Frustaci	Egner	Geneseo
Conductor	Healey	Altenburg	F Bagdasarian
Set Up #1	Butler	Daniels	n/a
Set Up #2	Callahan	Danielson	n/a

*Bob Knupp was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to Scratch Baking donated by Phil Dube*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**June 21-22, 2019** – RotaryFest 2019! District Conference at Fort Williams. Free event for the whole family – plan to attend!! Register online at District 7780 webpage.

**June 23 (Sunday)** – RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) begins – help wanted with registration at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Hinds – see John LoBosco email.




**June 25 (Tuesday), 6 p.m.** – Final Campfire dinner at RYLA (Camp Hinds) – all Rotarians invited; cost = \$10.

**June 30 (Sunday), 2-5** – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Art for Preservation. We need 5-6 people to help park cars. Tom Meyers is coordinating and needs a few volunteers.





**July 17** – Lobsterbake! Fort Williams – see online signup.

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

*Happy Birthday to*

-  *Dan Davidson (June 26)*
-  *Sue Sturtevant (July 4)*
-  *Sybil Riemensnider (July 8)*

*Happy Anniversary to*

-  *Dave & Jody McKenna (June 28)*
-  *Nancy & Scott Irving (June 30)*
-  *Joan & Joe Frustaci (July 6)*
-  *Joe & Ibbey Conroy (July 7)*

*Thanks and Congratulations to Bill Daviero for a successful Family Fun Day in spite of the fryolator issues! (“We made a lot of dough.”)*

*Congratulations to Catherine Callahan who was accepted into an artist residency at Hewn Oaks in Lovell.*

**Duck!** – If you plan to attend RotaryFest tomorrow, which is free to everyone (including free lunch, free music, free yoga, free kids crafts, free parking etc.), one item that is not free is your opportunity to win Paul Harris points by buying a duck. The ducks are \$10 each and all proceeds will go to The Rotary Foundation. So don't forget to bring your checkbook or cash!

**Cornhole for a Cause!** – Another reason to bring your wallet to RotaryFest is that Jack Roberts has made a set of Rotary cornhole boards which he will be raffling off tomorrow. Tickets are \$5 each and he will sell 100 tickets – all proceeds will go to PolioPlus. (And see article below about the need for PolioPlus contributions – thank you, Jack!!)

**Maine Island Trails Association** – Our guest this week was Madison Moran, Communications Manager for Maine Island Trails Association (MITA). MITA is a water trail 375 miles long connecting 169 islands and 65 mainland sites on the coast of Maine. Founded in 1988, it follows the premise that everyone who uses the trail is responsible for maintaining it. For example if you camp on an island on the trail, you must leave it at least as nice as you found it – and all members make a pledge to do just that. In spite of this, there is still “trash” on the islands that washes in on the tide. MITA has volunteer stewards who patrol the trail in MITA-owned boats to monitor conditions. In addition there are volunteer “island adopters” who use their own boats to maintain their assigned island. In addition to maintaining and expanding the trail, MITA also holds educational events and produces a guidebook as well as a mobile app to let members know about sites on the trail.



**Good News, Bad News** – the following is from a memo to Rotary Polio Eradication Leaders (which Mike McGovern is one of) about the current status:

The polio case count continues to increase and this week it will be officially reported that we are at the same level as in all of 2018, 33 cases. But let us put this in perspective: We have experienced 4 straight years with less than 100 cases and the final cases are in some of the toughest areas for mistrust and for lack of access due to antigovernment elements.

The news from Africa continues to be very good. In September we will have gone three years without a case of wild polio virus on the entire continent. The Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication for the AFRO Region will be meeting in March 2020 to consider whether the area is to be certified as free of the wild polio virus. Congratulations to all the countries in this region on your progress.

More good news is that the Global Certification Commission is now considering whether to certify the world free of Type 3 Polio. There have been no cases since November 2012. A decision is anticipated later this year.

We still have cases of vaccine derived polio with 12 reported so far this year with 2/3rds of them in Nigeria. Attacking these outbreaks is costly and has strained the budget of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Contributions are lagging a bit from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. We need further support to reach the goal of \$50 million in cash and DDF before 30 June. As polio eradication is Rotary's top humanitarian objective, we hope to see all clubs participate.

Our advocacy to governments for their support continues to bring results. There has been recent positive progress from the United Kingdom, the United States, the UAE and India is notable for totally supporting sustaining its status as polio free. A new pledging moment will occur in Abu Dhabi in November.

Pakistan and Afghanistan continue to see outbreaks, positive environmental samples and new cases. Three large provinces in Afghanistan have suspended all immunizations. Pakistan had a difficult immunization round two months ago impacted by false attacks on social media. A round of immunizations that began on 17 June initially appear to have overcome much of the previous attacks.

Thank you to all the polio leaders and contributors in clubs, districts and globally who are working together as a team to fulfill our promise of a polio free world.

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