

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
June 5, 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 12 – Club Assembly (WinterFest discussion) – AT MAINE TABLE, NOT PURPOODOCK  
June 19 – Madison Moran, Maine Island Trails  
June 26 – Change-over Night! Please bring your spouse/partner.

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
Opening Words	Ray	Redman	Reif
Raffle Gift	Desmond	Dube	Egner
Conductor	Gowen	Hawes	Healey
Set Up #1	n/a?	D Bagdasarian	Britt
Set Up #2	n/a?	Bennett	Bruneau

*Our guest speaker Andrea Southworth drew her own ticket to win the raffle gift certificate to Cake Elizabeth donated by Bill Daviero.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**June 11 (Tuesday)** – “Feeding Neighbors in Need” – a benefit concert for the South Portland Food Cupboard featuring the Don Campbell Band. 7-10 at Aura, tickets are \$35

**June 15** – Family Fun Day, Fort Williams Park. Note that shifts will only be 2 hours this year so we will need more volunteers.






**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 30** – Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Art for Preservation (we will help park cars)






**July 17** – Lobsterbake! Fort Williams – let Anne Swift-Kayatta know **by July 1** if you're coming and whether you can help out.

### What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to*

-  *Rich Daniels - June 4 (belated ☺)*
-  *Bill Anderson - June 10*
-  *Virginia Schmidt - June 12*
-  *Jon Reif - also June 12*
-  *Bob Knupp - June 16*

*Happy Anniversary to:*

-  *Kathy & Alan Ray - June 2 (40 years)*
-  *David & Joyce Lourie - June 3*
-  *Catherine Callahan & Bret LeBleu - June 10*
-  *Jim & Gillian Britt - June 11*
-  *Anne & Bill Kayatta - June 17*

**Welcome Back, Jeff!** - Jeff Hobbs, a former member of our club, probably wishes he had a nickel for every time an SPCE Rotarian asked him “when are you coming back?” Well, thanks to Dan Davidson’s persuasion, the answer was May 29, when we finally welcomed him back into the club. Jeff is the owner of Hobbs Funeral Homes, but whereas his position there was a lot of the reason that he couldn’t make it to club meetings in the past, now family members are starting to take over a lot of his duties, allowing him to spend time with us again. Jeff used to chair the tree lot take-down for many years. During the years that he was not a member, he was still a strong supporter of our club and donated generously to our club’s efforts to help homeless veterans. We’re so glad to have you back, Jeff – and you won’t have to hear us nagging you about coming back anymore!



**Donation to SP Library** (Dan Davidson wrote the following news release which I am too lazy to paraphrase so am printing in its entirety)

The Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth has donated more than \$1000 to the South Portland Public Library for special shelving for language studies. The Club began this ongoing youth literacy program in 2007. The youth librarian, in thanking Rotary, says, “The kids and adults are always hovering near these shelves looking for language books. The interest has burgeoned since we now have shelving that is visible and accessible. Young readers seem much more interested in languages now.”

The Rotary donations enable the local libraries to provide additional materials to enhance youth literacy that the libraries would otherwise not be able to purchase through normal funding.

The Rotary Club also uses this program to recognize its weekly speakers by having them sign a bookplate that goes into one of the purchased books and symbolizes a donation of that book to youth literacy by the speaker. Rotary Club president Fran Bagdasarian says, “For 13 years we have made these donations to help increase interest in reading and education among our local students. It is part of our Rotary club’s service to our communities’ youth and our commitment to literacy initiatives.”



**“The Invasives Lady”** – Our guests this week were Andrea Southworth (who says she is known as The Invasives Lady) and Ryan Cole, a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Fort Williams. A native of Virginia, Andrea has moved around a bit and a few years ago actually moved back to Maine for the third time. She says that “Cape Elizabeth is the best place I can think of to be.” She describes her position as the manager of the Ecology Project at Fort Williams as the ideal job.

What’s the Ecology Project? It used to be known as the Arboretum. The new name reflects not just a name change but a change in philosophy, aiming for the park to be as natural as possible. After invasive plants are ripped out, instead of immediately planting nursery stock plants, the

new method is to wait for native plants to re-establish themselves. This is less costly (because they don't have to buy plants) but also more labor-intensive (because you have to keep pulling out invasives while waiting for the native plants to regain their footing).

As a lead-in to RotaryFest (aka the District Conference), members of our club as well as other Rotarians from around the district will be helping to advance the ecology project. In holding the conference at Fort Williams, DG John wanted to make sure that we leave the park better than we found it. So on the afternoon of Friday, June 21 (coming right up!!) we will be removing invasives from around the fire barn as well as doing some work near the cliff walk.

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