

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
March 20, 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 27 – Curtis Mildner, Mainely Character
April 3 – Jesse Harvey, Journey House Recovery
April 10 – Deb Nelson, Author

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>March 27</u>	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>
Opening Words	Leasure	LoBosco	
Raffle Gift	D Bagdasarian	F. Bagdasarian	
Conductor	Conroy	Daniels	
Set Up #1	McDonald	Nadirli	
Set Up #2	Meyers	O'Shea	

Jim Britt's luck of the Irish continued (you had to be there to hear his story about hobnobbing with the Irish elite at the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade) and he won a gift certificate to Rosemont Market donated by Bev.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 23, 1-4 – Sale & sampling of AliciaBars at Williams Sonoma at Maine Mall (made by Alicia Danielson)

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

A lot of special welcomes this week:

- ★ *John LoBosco, back after nearly a month in the hospital and another month recuperating at home. He brought his sense of humor with him.*
- ★ *Sybil, who has come out of hibernation!*
- ★ *Dick Hall, who will be filling the remainder of Bill Anderson's term as Assistant Governor in our area while Bill is on a leave of absence taking care of Diane (hope the back is feeling better, Diane!)*
- ★ *Past President of the Portland club Laura Young who will be our Assistant Governor next year.*
- ★ *Karen Vachon, a former Scarborough Rotarian who has met with Laurenz and is interested in finding out what we're all about.*

Congratulations to Fran & Dave Bagdasarian who are gaining a daughter-in-law this weekend!

District Happenings – The District Governor is usually associated with various events in the district, including the District Training Assembly and the District Conference. As members of the District Governor's home club, we can help support John by attending these events as best we can. So please mark Saturday, April 6 and Friday-Saturday, June 21-22 on your calendars and set them aside to attend the District Training Assembly (April 6) and District Conference (June 21-22) if at all possible. Registration is now available online at the District 7780 website for the Assembly.

Thank You, SoPo Parks & Recreation *(written by Tony Wagner)* – WinterFest Committee members Kathy Cotter, Betty Egner, Doug Schauf and Tony Wagner, along with Christmas Tree Chair David Lourie hosted a luncheon at Willow's Restaurant last Tuesday. Most of the Department was there including the management team and the ground crews from Wainwright and those who handle all the other parks. All 17 thoroughly enjoyed the meal and fellowship with their Rotary partners.

These folks set up and take down the tree lot snow fence, and keep us plowed out. They also supply equipment and the heavy labor to help us pull off WinterFest during these past 6 years of the partnership between the City and our club. We also work collaboratively on park work, Bug

Light, and other events like Art in the Park, the antique auto show, etc. Each and every one made a special effort to thank us for this annual celebration.

WinterFest Results (*drum roll please*) – Tony announced the final figures for this year’s WinterFest. We netted \$51,000 (up from \$41,000 last year)! Of that, \$13,000 is earmarked for our partner, the City of South Portland, and the remaining \$38,000 is ours to spend on our club projects. In addition to these bottom line figures, Tony also tallied:

- ✓ 670 volunteer hours
- ✓ 100 participating businesses
- ✓ \$67 net/person hour (up from \$45 last year)

Our major sponsors were Bath Savings Institution, Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, Port Harbor Marine and DiMillo’s. Thanks to these sponsors, all the other participating businesses, the city of SP, the WinterFest committee and all of YOU who helped make it happen!

A Life-Saving Organization – That’s how everyone at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland views their organization. Their Executive Director Patsy Murphy was our speaker this week and she shared the history of the organization. It was founded in 1911 by Gov. Percival Baxter at the request of some women from the West End who were concerned about the welfare of horses. In 1956 the organization moved to its present location in Stroudwater and in 2016 completed a big expansion of their facility. This expansion greatly improved the quality of life for the animals because they don’t have to be kept in cages. ARLGP’s mission is to nurture the connection between people and pets. As part of carrying out that mission, they have two teachers on staff who conduct humane education classes – last year they reached 10,500 students!

Over 4,000 animals went through the organization last year – and nearly all of them were adopted. Many of these animals came from other parts of the country – as far away as California and Puerto Rico. Had it not been for the willingness and availability of the ARLGP, these animals probably would not have lived. Therefore they are truly a life-saving organization.

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