TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth March 27, 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:

April 3 – Jesse Harvey, Journey House Recovery

April 10 – Deb Nelson, Author

April 17 – Michael McGovern, What's New at RI

April 24 – Chris Cary, New England Ocean Cluster

ASSIGNMENTS

	April 3	April 10	<u>April 17</u>
Opening Words	LoBosco	Lourie	McCoy
Raffle Gift	F. Bagdasarian	Britt	Callahan
Conductor	Daniels	Danielson	Danois
Set Up #1	Nadirli	Ray	McGovern
Set Up #2	O'Shea	Redman	Roberts

Anne Cass, who accompanied our speaker, won a gift certificate to the South Portland House of Pizza donated by Dave Bagdasarian.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

Happy Birthday to:

- Mark Leasure Apríl 6
- # Ellie Speh April 8

Happy Anniversary to Jack & Shari Roberts - April 3

Congratulations and thank you to Mike Geneseo, Creative Director for a new magazine devoted to the issues of addiction and recovery.

Thank you Anne Swift-Kayatta and Kathy Ray for interviewing the RYLA applicants from CEHS.

<u>Headcounts</u> – Mike Geneseo reported that a small committee has been looking at our meals charges because we have been losing money whenever we don't have enough dining Rotarians at a meeting to cover the minimum we have guaranteed to Purpoodock. As a result, the club has decided to reduce the guaranteed minimum from 30 to 28. This should help our internal coffers, but it also means that whenever you are considering bringing a guest, you should let Mike G. know so that Purpoodock will be sure to have enough food to feed all of us. The committee is also looking at other aspects of our meeting time/space, etc. so be watching for a survey that will be going out to us.

<u>Mainely Character</u> – Our speaker this week was Curtis Mildner, Board chair of Mainely Character, who was accompanied by fellow board members Anne Cass and Cathy Barry. Mainely Character is a scholarship program which awards scholarships based on character, and specifically:

- 1. Courage
- 2. Integrity
- 3. Responsibility
- 4. Concern

The program has been around since 2001 and in that time has awarded \$148,000 in scholarships to 44 graduating high school seniors. In addition to being of exemplary character, applicants must be a graduate of a Maine high school who will be attending a college in Maine. The program is funded by donations as well as 4 major sponsors: Market Decisions Research (Curt's business), R.M. Davis, Biddeford Savings Bank and Machias Savings Bank. Following some examples of scholarship recipients, there was some good discussions about how to award meaningful scholarships to students.

<u>Thanks... in the Rain</u> (written by Dan Davidson)



Tony Wagner (Assistant District Governor) and Dan and Edie Davidson (not in photo) met for (a rainy day) lunch with our dynamic and highly professional Veterans Affairs contact Susie Whittington, who has spoken to the Club (shown holding a certificate of appreciation from the Club). We delivered the remaining items from this year's budget for homeless Maine veterans which included \$1550 in additional gift cards to Hannaford, Walmart, and Irving ... along with a carload of household and kitchen items donated by several thoughtful individual Rotarians. Not in the picture is a plate of homemade cookies from Edie intended for Susie's two daughters. © Total Club donations to homeless veterans this (president Fran Bagdasarian's) year came to \$7,350. (Photo by Rotarian Dan Davidson who chaired the Club's veterans committee and is "wicked proud" of the incredibly positive effect our Club has had in helping our veterans over the past seven years.)

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