

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
November 28, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 5 – Camelia Babson-Haley, Youth & Family Outreach
December 12 – RYLA Students & Mento
December 19 – Christmas Surprise!
December 26 – No Meeting
January 2 – No Meeting

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 19</u>
Opening Words	Frustaci	Geneseo	Gonzalez
Raffle Gift	L. Schmidt	U. Schmidt	V Schmidt
Conductor	Sturtevant	Swift-Kayatta	Tranfaglia
Set Up #1	Callahan	Daniels	Davidson
Set Up #2	Conroy	Danielson	Daviero



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 1, 7 a.m. – optional tree-unloading fueling up at Uncle Andy’s

December 1, 8 a.m. – Tree Delivery #2 – We will need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** – please help if you can!

December 7 – Tree Lighting (ceremony starts at 4:30), Mill Creek Park (lot will be extra busy but not necessarily with paying customers – please stop by if you can, even if you have not signed up)

December 8, 9-2:30 – International Artisan Craft Fair to benefit Partners for World Health, 40 Walch Drive, Portland

June 21-22, 2019 – District Conference at Fort Williams

Bob Knupp was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to C Salt donated by Doug Schauf

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Adrienne Murphy (12/8)

Our sincere condolences to Anamaria on the death of her grandmother and other family members

Condolences also to Bill Lohrman on the death of his mother

Congratulations to first-time football pool winner Betty Egner! Proving that no skill or even football knowledge is required to win the pool, Betty submitted her picks for the entire season back in September, based on which city she would prefer to visit!

Condolences to the Schauf family, who has become quite attached to the football trophy and hated to give it up!



Tree Stuff:

First, from Betty's Opening Words:

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas" – Calvin Coolidge

"A very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year; let's hope it's a good one, without any fear" – John Lennon

"Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree; in the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall." – Larry Wilde, The Merry Book of Christmas

Second, guidelines from our tree sale chair David Lourie:

- ✓ You can easily unbook yourself online if something comes up, but if you do that close to the time of your shift, please let David know so he can find someone to replace you.

- ✓ We have lots of wreaths this year, so please ask each customer if they also need a wreath.
- ✓ We also have tree bags.
- ✓ As noted on the calendar above, we need as many hands as possible to unload the trees this Saturday.

Third, from Tom Meyer who was embarrassed by the (well-deserved) praises heaped on him last night and asked me to print the following, which I am happy to do because it expresses the spirit of the club tree sale – in that it is TRULY a team effort:

Mike McG. and David were very kind in mentioning my work, but before the canonization process gets started... everyone contributes to the success of the tree lot sales in the best way they can – be it in time commitment, skills, or physical ability. There are many folks who willingly and quietly do stuff because it needs to get done. Dick Yerxa dropping by a sharpened chain saw on the way to a party; Nicole Albert showing up to supplement an evening shift even though she was on call for work; Dan and Edie Davidson running to the bank on Saturday afternoon to get a big wad of \$5 bills for change; Scott and Nancy Irving putting up the outdoor speakers, and Scott for constant adjustment of the sign-up lists; Nancy Hawes delivering BIG tins of cookies... that's a sampling of just what happened on my shifts so far this year. It's the MAGIC that makes it enjoyable and fun and why everyone has a “Tree Lot Story” to tell about a fellow Rotarian. We're all doing a good thing with and for each other... AND the community benefits.

Final Planning – We welcomed long-time former member Jeff Hobbs as our speaker this week, who was introduced by Dan Davidson. Jeff chaired the tree lot take-down for many years, and continues to give generously to our club’s efforts to help homeless veterans. Hobbs Funeral Home is a family business, started in 1941 by his father. Jeff and his brother have been active in the business, and have now included the third generation (Jeff’s nephew and son Randall) in the business. Jeff spoke primarily about mortuary trusts, a vehicle that allows one to prepay for funeral expenses, so that when the time comes, not only is the funeral already paid for but all the decisions have already been made also. The money that is paid up front stays in a bank account - it is not paid to the funeral home until the time of the funeral. (Note that although I referred to Jeff as a former member, we are hoping he’s a future member also!)

Another Sobering Topic – President Fran announced that our club is forming a committee to explore the topic of what we can do to prevent and alleviate the effects of opioid abuse. She and Ursula will be very involved in this committee and welcome as many committee members as are interested – please contact Fran if you have an interest in being part of this.

Foundation Month Winding Down – President Fran shared some highlights of Rotary Foundation history:

- ❖ 1947 – the Foundation’s first program was established, a scholarship program which became the Ambassadorial Scholars program
- ❖ 1965-66 – the Foundation broadened its scope with 3 new programs: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training and the precursor to the Matching Grants program
- ❖ 1978 – Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grants were introduced, one of which was the impetus for polio eradication
- ❖ 1985 – PolioPlus was launched
- ❖ 1987-88 – the first peace forums were held, paving the way for the Rotary Peace Centers
- ❖ 2013 – the current format of district grants and global grants was initiated.

The Foundation moment was capped off with awarding a PHF+5 pin (the blue stones go all the way around the pin!) to our District Governor and role model John LoBosco.



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