

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
October 3, 2018



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 10 – Mike Mwendata, Rwanda Bean
October 17 – Don Oakes, Sea Bags
October 24 - Luke & Jeff Holden, Luke's Lobster
Halloween – Club Assembly

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>October 10</u>	<u>October 17</u>	<u>October 24</u>
Opening Words	Danielson	Danois	Davidson
Raffle Gift	Mutty	Nadirli	O'Shea
Conductor	Redman	Roberts	Schauf

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October 6 – Crutches 4 Africa – loading shipping container – see Tony's email or contact him for details.

October 9 – Soup Kitchen

October 17 – Board meeting

October 24 – World Polio Day. Livestream event from Philadelphia.

November 3 – District Joint Foundation & Membership Seminar, Husson University. Rotary Foundation Trustee Julia Phelps will be a featured speaker.

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

Bill Anderson is on a lucky streak – first his Browns actually won a game, and this week he won the raffle – a gift certificate to Panera donated by Adrienne.

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to Betty Egner (10/7) and Bob Danielson (10/15)

Congratulations to an ecstatic Sarah Higgins who beat out Phil Dube in the football pool tiebreaker. Word has it that she's planning to take the trophy with her to the Bruins home opener. Send us your pictures, Sarah!

Continued good wishes to Tim Butterworth and we're so happy to hear that he is making progress.

Thank you to Anamaria who regularly posts pictures of club meetings (including the ones in this bulletin) on Facebook. If I ever forget to acknowledge a photo, it was almost certainly taken by either her or Dan Davidson.

Opening Words – Rich opened the meeting with these remarks from Sylvia Whitlock, the first female president of a Rotary club in 1987:

"I've learned over the years that my community is not just the residential community in which I live, or the town that governs it, or the state that supports it. We are citizens of the world, where every action, however remote or seemingly far removed, has a ripple effect on us – to the extent that if others are well, we are well. I believe it is Rotary's responsibility to be an example of change. It begins with all of us looking around for opportunities to be more inclusive. All together it builds to something. Enough drops of water and they build to a flood."

Old Business – We were awash in District Governors (DG) at our meeting this week – Past DG Dan Mooers, current DG John LoBosco and last year's DG from the Portsmouth club, Dave Underhill. Dave and Linda visited us in order to present the 2017-18 Rotary year Presidential Citation to our club. The citation recognizes the depth and breadth of our club's service activities. Congratulations to last year's President Sue, the Board and everyone in the club!!

Cheerio to Bill York – In addition to enjoying Little Shop of Horrors on Theater Night, we said our formal farewell to Bill York prior to his moving to the Isle of Wight (he's still around for a couple more weeks but it's uncertain whether he can make it to another meeting). Bill joined the club in the late 70's and became president of the club for the year 1981-82. Notable events during that year include Sen. George Mitchell as the speaker on July 1, the annual clambake with "the ladies" at Two Lights Park, and a tree sale that netted \$9,100. After a hiatus when Bill was away de-commissioning nuclear power plants, Bill came back with a vengeance and started laying his ideas on us again. (Interesting tidbit – if you look in the club directory, fellow engineer

and NY Maritime Academy grad Tony Wagner was sponsored by Bill York in 1982. Then in 2009, Bill was sponsored by Tony!) Theater Night, the football pool and the gardens at Bug Light are just a few of Bill's ideas that the club has benefitted from.

In recent years Bill has been program chair, football pool commissioner and sergeant-at-arms. And we have always relied on Bill to let us know how the New York sports teams are faring vs. their Boston counterparts. Fran and DG John LoBosco expressed our club's appreciation for Bill at intermission during the show and John presented Bill with additional Paul Harris Fellow recognition (although he pulled a sleight of hand and the pin remained in John's pocket). Come back and visit us, Bill!



“I Am Your Dentist, and I Get Off on the Pain I Inflict” – Well, wasn't that enlightening! Those of us who attended Theater Night were treated to some insight as to what motivates Theater Night chair Dave Bagdasarian, courtesy of the lyrics to one of the songs. I don't know anything about the financial details yet, but measuring by whether “a good time was had by all,” it seemed to be a huge success. I hope this is a complete list of those who put considerable effort into pulling off this great party:

- ★ Ellie & Chris Speh
- ★ Bill York
- ★ Betty Egner
- ★ Kathy Cotter
- ★ Doug Schauf
- ★ Adrienne Murphy
- ★ Chuck Redman
- ★ Bev Altenburg
- ★ Ali Carignan
- ★ Dick Yerxa

Thanks to all of these, as well as to all who came to enjoy the event!

Who has the best Picnics?? - According to our District Governor John, for a long time what he and Sue knew about Rotary was that they had the best picnics. However thanks to Frank Butterworth inviting him to our lobsterbake, he realized that Rotary was “a group of really nice people who do really nice things for the community.” So if you ever need to explain Rotary to anyone, this definition is as good as any. John spoke on several topics – here are some highlights:

- *Membership* – he challenged us to gain 10% in new members, but not to lose more than

5%. He quoted the late Sam Owori who would have been RI President this year, who lamented that of all the billions of people in the world, “it’s a shame that only 1.2 million are Rotarians.”

- *Literacy* – he is also challenging each club to build or maintain at least one Little Free Library.
- *RYLA* – he described this program (which our club supports very strongly) as “one of the very best things we do as a district.”
- *District Conference* – this year’s conference will be at Fort Williams, the site of John’s first Rotary meeting! It will be free of charge and will include a lot of children’s activities.
- *The Rotary Foundation* – the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funnels its support of polio eradication through The Rotary Foundation, so “if it’s good enough for Bill Gates, it’s good enough for me.” John was recognized for his steadfast support of the Foundation with a Paul Harris Fellow + 4 pin.

President Fran presented a monogrammed jacket to John and announced that the club had made a donation (above and beyond our budgeted donation) to The Rotary Foundation in John’s name. She also presented a lovely bouquet of flowers to Sue.



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