

# TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth  
July 31 & August 7, 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:

August 14 – “Official” Visit from District Governor Andy Glazier  
August 21 – Lisa DeSisto, Maine Today Media  
August 28 – Meeting at Maine Table (in a room on the first floor – more details to come)

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
Opening Words	V Schmidt	Speh	Sprague
Raffle Gift	Knupp	Landry	Leasure
Conductor	Landry	Leasure	LoBosco
Set Up #1	Hawes	N Irving	Landry
Set Up #2	H-E-A-L-E-Y	Knupp	McCoy

*July 31 – Anne Swift-Kayatta won a gift certificate to Verbena donated by President David  
August 7 – Phil Dube won a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Nancy Irving (actually Claudette the retired librarian will probably be using it!)*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**August 10 (Saturday)** – Art in the Park. We will be selling hot dogs, burgers and fried dough.

**August 13 (Tuesday), 8 – 9 a.m.** – Bug Light garden maintenance

**August 21** – Board meeting at Purpoodock following regular meeting.

**September 14** – Yard Sale & Open House at South Portland Food Cupboard

## What's New With Our Members

*Happy Birthday to Joe Conroy (August 16)*

*Our sincere condolences to Kathy, Alan & Megan Ray on the death of Kathy's mother, Anne Newbury.*

*Our continuing get well wishes and prayers for Tim Butterworth who has been going through a rough time lately.*

*Get well wishes to Peter Cotter following his recent surgery.*

*Thank you to Dan Davidson for taking notes last week and for his efforts in helping us investigate a new sound system.*

*We welcomed Officer Tammy Schafran of the CE Police Department as our guest this week. And speaking of CE cops, we were proud to see CE police officers carry the flag at SP/CE Communities Night at the Sea Dogs on Tuesday.*



**WinterFest Update** – WinterFest co-chairs Doug Schauf and Ellie Speh updated us in the past two meetings about plans for next winter's event. Doug recently met with city staff to discuss the "slimmed down" WinterFest, which will not include the Friday evening skating party. If you have any interest in helping with WinterFest planning or have ideas about how to improve the event, please contact Doug or Ellie.

**Start Spreading the News** – I don't think we're an official committee but we have a team of people in the club whose mission is to spread the word about our club's doings (does that make us a gossip committee?)

- Marc Mutty is our PR chair and although he is superbly qualified for this position due to his professional background, he is at a disadvantage because he can't come to meetings

regularly. So please be alert to potential news stories that should be shared with the general community and send him a short email about them.

- Matt McAleney is our Facebook coordinator and posts information about meetings and events to our Facebook page – these are seen by club members who are on FB as well as friends of the club. Feel free to send him pictures or news items.
- Jim Britt is our club webmaster; he updates the club website as well as answering your questions about using the club website. This can be seen by the general public but also has a member area that can only be seen by us.
- Nancy Hawes is the bulletin editor, as you already know. The bulletin is intended for club members but is also distributed to some “outsiders” such as the district governor, some former members, Interact advisers, etc. I welcome your submissions about anything that should be shared with the club.
- Dan Davidson is our PR Guy Emeritus. While no longer holding an official title, we can count on Dan to send us photos and bits of news.

Bottom line – if you have any news ideas, stories, pictures, etc., please forward them to any or all of us!

**K-9s on the Front Line (7/31 program)** – Veterans in Maine with PTSD and other combat-related issues have found help ... with service dogs provided by K-9s on the Front Line, a non-profit that trains and provides former shelter dogs to Maine veterans at no cost to the veteran.

Linda Murray, a co-founder (in 2016) and an unpaid volunteer, gave us a sensitive and informative program, assisted by volunteer Katie Kinney (who Tony Wagner and Dan Davidson met some time ago and added to our program list). The program began with a five-minute emotional video. The cost to train and provide a dog is \$3,500. There is no government funding; all money raised is from donations. Some 150 dogs have been provided so far. The dogs are trained to neutralize negative emotions, help reduce flashbacks, and also reduce depression, anxiety and stresses ... and are trained for specific tasks by Law Enforcement K-9 handlers. There is a list of requirements for a veteran to qualify for a dog. This is truly and noble and worthwhile effort being done by volunteers here in Maine.

**DIVERSIFY!!! (8/7 program)** – This was a key message by our speaker Todd Robbins, the Cape Elizabeth tree warden. The tree canopy in Cape Elizabeth is made up 40% by red oaks, a host to winter moths, and 90% is comprised of oaks, maples and pines. This is not good news for the future of trees in Cape Elizabeth, so Todd is trying to spread the word about the importance of planting a variety of trees so that the canopy will not be so vulnerable to one or two types of insects. To that end, several different species of trees have been planted on Officers' Row in Fort Williams – hickory, American linden, American sycamore and tupelo. (Some club members were disappointed to learn that he also likes sumac!) Todd's philosophy is that his job is to protect people from trees, but also to protect trees from people. The club enjoyed a lively Q&A discussion about trees, pests and how to prevent losing trees.

**Re-Run Alert!!** – With apologies to everyone who remembers this article from last year (and the year before, and the year before, and the year before!), I am trotting out the following information for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the benefit of new members in preparation for the “Official Visit” next week.

**What’s a District Governor?** I had the bright idea of going to the Rotary website for a definition – here’s the definition in the bylaws (Article 1, #5): “the governor of a Rotary district.” Don’t you feel enlightened now? Elsewhere on the website it indicates that a District Governor (DG) should:

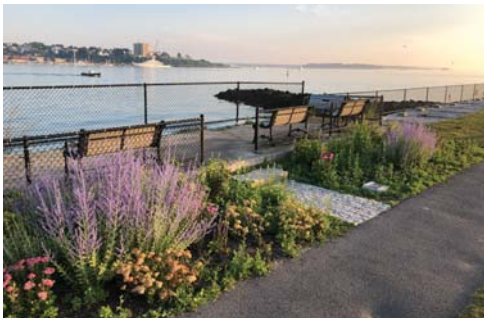
- ✓ strengthen clubs and grow membership,
- ✓ serve as a spokesperson for the district,
- ✓ encourage support for the Rotary Foundation,
- ✓ conduct a district conference and other meetings, as well as
- ✓ various administrative tasks.

**Who is our District Governor?** Andy Glazier of the Kittery club is our current District Governor; his term started on July 1. Andy’s Rotary story is similar to Fran Bagdasarian’s – i.e. a relatively recent true Rotarian, but he has been a Rotarian in spirit for many many years since “first lady” Pam Gray is a long-time Rotarian. Andy is a builder by trade and next week he will tell us all about how he hopes we will all “build” Rotary during the upcoming year.



Pam & Andy with RI President Mark Maloney & wife Gay

**Weeds Be Gone!** – Thank you to Karen Vachon (who took the photos), Anne Marie McCoubrey and Phil Dube for working a miraculous transformation at our Bug Light garden last week!



BEFORE



THE CREW

AFTER



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