

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
December 4, 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:

December 11 – Briana Warner, Atlantic Sea Farms
December 18 –
December 25 – Merry Christmas!
January 1 – Happy New Year!

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>	<u>January 8</u>
Opening Words	Britt	Bruneau	Butler
Raffle Gift	Schauf	L Schmidt	U Schmidt
Conductor	Roberts	Schauf	L Schmidt
Set Up & Breakdown #1	D Bagdasarian	Bennett	Callahan
Set Up & Breakdown #2	F Bagdasarian	Britt	Daniels

President David was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to The Good Table, donated by Jack Roberts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 6 (Friday) – Tree Lighting ceremony at Mill Creek Park (shifts have been adjusted to plan for extra customers (or window shoppers))

December 7 (Saturday) at 7:45 a.m. (ish) – 2nd Tree Unloading

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

- 🌸 Alec Livingston (Dec. 15)
- 🌸 Tom Meyers (Dec. 17)

Congratulations to President David who has a new grandson!

Our sincere condolences to the family of charter member Ted Wainwright. Ted generously donated much of the land at Wainwright Fields (where we hold WinterFest) to the city of South Portland.

We have received greetings from across the pond from Bill York. He would like to let everyone know his cell number (07944125301), especially his former neighbor Dan MacDonald (Dan - he lost your number). Merry Christmas, Bill - we miss you at the tree lot!

We extend our ongoing get well wishes to Tim Butterworth and hope Santa brings him continued recovery.

Thank you to Marc Mutty, who has been behind the scenes doing some great publicity for the club!

Farewell and good luck to Bill Lohrman who is moving to Camden, and hopes to be a fellow Rotarian from one of the Camden area clubs shortly!

Furniture Friends – Our speaker this week was Jenn McAdoo, Executive Director of Furniture Friends. Furniture Friends is a furniture “bank” serving the greater Portland area. All of the furniture is temporarily housed in a warehouse off Brighton Avenue in Westbrook until it finds its new home. The organization started in 2012 by providing furniture to 32 families. The idea of recycling furniture quickly caught on, and they are on track to provide over 650 families with furniture this year! The organization has just 2 ½ staff, so it relies heavily on volunteers. Like the SPCE Rotary club, they have found that high school students make great volunteers, and the student volunteers enjoy playing the role of “heroes” to the furniture recipients. The Yarmouth and Falmouth Rotary Clubs are big supporters of the organization and hold a furniture drive for them in the fall. If anyone is interested in donating furniture that you no longer have a need for, their website (www.furniturefriends.org) has details about what they can accept. (And if you're not sure if the condition is adequate, go ahead and send them a photo to inquire.)

Thank You, Shovelers! – In response to Mike G.'s call to action, a whopping 14 people showed up at the tree lot to clear the snow so that we could be back in business again on Wednesday. Thank you to all of the following – as well as to everyone else who couldn't make it on Tuesday but has been helping to make the tree sale a success:

- ❄ Dave Bagdasarian
- ❄ Peter Bennett
- ❄ Rich Daniels
- ❄ Michele Danois
- ❄ Phil Dube
- ❄ Mark Leasure
- ❄ Anne Marie McCoubray
- ❄ Dan McDonald
- ❄ Tom Meyers
- ❄ Adrienne Murphy
- ❄ Tural Nadirli
- ❄ Patty Sprague
- ❄ Tony Wagner
- ❄ Dick Yerxa

Healthy Something or Other? – Some of us have had the pleasure of hearing Lonnie Hackett speak to our club and/or at a district conference. Lonnie founded an organization which uses the educational system to help bring healthcare services to children in Zambia called Healthy Kids/Brighter Future. While that title captured the mission of the organization, it's quite a mouthful and was hard for people to remember. So his year-end letter informs us that the organization's name has been changed to Healthy Learners. Other highlights of his letter:

- In the past year, the number of children served has doubled and has reached 100,000!
- The program is partnering with the Zambian Ministries of Health and Education to expand into more geographic areas in the next 2 years.
- A study by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health showed that the program led to a 38% reduction in illness in children.

At its inception, Healthy Learners would not have been possible without initial funding from The Rotary Foundation – an excellent example of how our money is being put to good use.

Speaking of The Rotary Foundation... How are we doing so far this year? The year is half over and so far, and not surprisingly we are doing great on our PolioPlus donations! Thanks to so many of you donating through the football pool, when the club sends in its budgeted \$5,000, we will be just \$68 short of our goal! We have a little ways to go on the Annual Fund, however (the fund that provides money for programs like Healthy Learners). Once the club's budgeted donation is forwarded, we will have donated \$8,717 to the Annual Fund, which is just under 73% of our \$12,000 goal for the year. If year-end charitable giving is part of your routine, you can donate online at www.rotary.org or give me your check and I'll send it in for you.

Karma in Action – Our fearless leader-to-be Mikey-Three-Names stepped up to the plate from Vice-President to President-Elect when we had a vacancy in our leadership track. And now as a reward for that, and for the great job he’s doing managing the tree sale, the universe has rewarded him not once, but TWICE as winner of the weekly football pool. AND he had a perfect score – 12 out of 12 in week 12! AND he is now the overall season leader in the pool!! So if a member of the nominating committee asks you to fill a role in the club next year, keep in mind that this is how you’ll be rewarded!!!!

(p.s. on the origin of “Three Names” – this is the minimum number of different ways that people in the club pronounce his last name.)



And the 4-Way Test in Action – Apparently there was some controversy over whether one of our customers had paid for his tree. However here is proof that he did:



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