

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
February 5 2020



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:

February 12 – Club “Assembly” – future planning; all club members should attend (fireside room)
February 19 – Duane Hopkins, South Portland Food Cupboard (meet in banquet room)

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Opening Words	Davidson	Danielson	Daviero
Raffle Gift	Swift-Kayatta	Vachon	Veroneau
Conductor	Sturtevant	Veroneau	Vachon
Set Up & Breakdown #1	Egner	Geneseo	Hawes
Set Up & Breakdown #2	Frustaci	Greene	Healey

Peter DeGennaro was the lucky winner of a gift certificate to DiMillo’s courtesy of Sue Sturtevant.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Note – Lions Club Breakfast scheduled for Feb. 9 has been cancelled.

February 15 – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner (5-7:30 p.m.)

February 20 – District World Understanding & Peace Dinner, Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks – register on District 7780 website.

February 22 (Saturday), 7-9 – 2nd Annual Wine Tasting to benefit South Portland Food Cupboard at St. Maximilian Kolbe Hall, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough, Tickets \$20

February 29, 8:30 – noon – District Growth Workshop, Freeport Community Center

March 8 – Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (7:30 – 11)

What's New With Our Members

Congratulations to Hugh & Margaret O'Shea who are expecting their second child!

Thank you, Marc Mutty and Dan Davidson, for all your PR efforts on WinterFest and our activities to support veterans.

Wayne & Ellie Goodrich send us their regards by way of Tony, who had lunch with them in Florida recently.

Birthday Party for Rotary! – Rotary began on February 23, 1905 when 4 businessmen in Chicago met to form their own little community for the purpose of fellowship. Soon thereafter a service component was added to their reason for being. We traditionally observe Rotary's birthday in February by also honoring our noblest goal – World Understanding and Peace. In our district, we won't be celebrating on the 23rd but close – the 20th. So consider attending the District 7780 World Understanding and Peace Dinner on Feb. 20 right in our own backyard at the Sheraton at Sable Oaks. As District Governor Andy explained in the monthly newsletter, we will have speakers on a very timely topic for Maine – Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Cost for the dinner is \$45 and you can register on the district website.

Vaya Con Dios, Tony! – We won't be seeing Tony Wagner for a couple weeks, since he will be heading to Guatemala next week along with some Rotarians from the Westbrook-Gorham club, as well as some members of the Stroudwater Christian Church. According to the church's website, here is the need, and what the team will be doing:

El Dormido, located on the Pacific coast of Guatemala, was devastated by an ocean storm in 2010. One-third mile of the village was washed out to sea. The survivors now live in two communities separated by the ocean. One has the water well, power and business district of the village – one does not.

The team will be addressing the needs of the smaller isolated village that is desperately trying to survive. Over 60 families living on dirt floors, drinking contaminated water, and struggling to reclaim the village they all once loved will be the focus of the mission. The team will pour cement floors, build smokeless stoves for cooking, install Zika/malaria nets, introduce water purification systems, and have a dental team. The children will receive school supplies, and a feeding/Bible study program will be established in the village.

The project is led by Bill Chadwick, a W-G Rotarian and pastor of the Stroudwater church, who spoke to our club in August, 2017 about a Rotary Foundation global grant that involved the W-G club, our club (\$1,000) and 18 other clubs in the district (total club donations = \$19,325; total grant = \$79,638). The grant paid to build a well in another part of Guatemala (Cuatro Cayos).

A Report from Nicole's Boss! – Well, although technically he's her boss, District Attorney Jonathan Sahrbeck was quick to point out that they all work together as a team. Jonathan spoke mostly about the root of most crimes in Maine – substance use disorder. He indicated that 80% of the cases they see are the result of substance use (of all kinds, not just opioids). And unfortunately, although they try to afford the opportunity for abusers to get back on track (for instance through their Drug Court program), they are the end of the line when it comes to opportunities to prevent/correct the problem. The risk of becoming addicted is much higher for people with a background of "adverse childhood experience." So he encouraged us as a club to do what we can to support programs which aim to provide stability for children. (One example that comes to mind is Hassle to Tassel – a program at SPSHS which our club has regularly supported which focuses on kids who might otherwise fall through the cracks.) His main message was the importance of prevention, and the need for resources for treatment/recovery. On a positive note, he was highly complimentary of the police officers in Cumberland County, and he believes that Maine is the safest state in the country.

WinterFest Wrap-Up – Tony reported that about 750 people participated in the WinterFest activities on Saturday; this was similar to last year. The committee expects that we will net about \$30,000 or slightly over, which is what we had budgeted for. He felt that the Carnival happening in Portland at the same time was not in direct competition with us – a lot of free activities for kids (us) vs. more adult-type activities at \$20 pp (Portland). Huge thank you's to:

- ★ Our fearless leaders – Doug, Bev & Tony
- ★ City of SP recreation staff
- ★ Lions club, for their well-oiled breakfast machine
- ★ The 30 club members who volunteered on Saturday
- ★ The members who sold and/or paid for ads
- ★ Keenan Excavating (for "building" the sliding hill)
- ★ Our sponsors –
 - ★ Bath Savings Institution
 - ★ DiMillo's on the Water
 - ★ Port Harbor Marine
 - ★ Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution
 - ★ Embers Stoves & Fireplaces
 - ★ And MANY MORE!



I don't know who won but there were a lot of great sleds!!

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