

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 22, 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:

January 29 – WFest Kickoff Party! At 5:30 (in banquet room)
February 5 – Jonathan Sahrbeck, Cumberland County District Attorney (fireside room)
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 5</u> | <u>February 12</u> | <u>February 19</u> |
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| Opening Words | Daniels | Danielson | Davidson |
| Raffle Gift | Sturtevant | Swift-Kayatta | Vachon |
| Conductor | Sprague | Sturtevant | Veroneau |
| Set Up & Breakdown #1 | DeGennaro | Egner | Geneseo |
| Set Up & Breakdown #2 | Dube | Frustaci | Greene |

Katelyn Estes continued the tradition of new members winning the raffle – she won a gift certificate to Hannaford donated by Patty Sprague.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 1 – WINTERFEST! Events at 4 different locations around South Portland!!!

February 9 – Lions Club Blueberry Pancake Breakfast (7:30 – 11)

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

February 20 – District World Understanding & Peace Dinner, Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks

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

What's New With Our Members

Happy Anniversary to Bob & Judy Knupp - January 30 - 55 years!!

A Rotary Golden Anniversary - the data in clubrunner about when people joined is not totally accurate for everyone, so even though it says that Dan Mooers joined in February, 1970, he actually joined in January, 1970. So congratulations to Dan for 50 YEARS of Rotary service!

Congratulations to Tom Meyers who was presented a Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin for his generosity to the Rotary Foundation.

It's Almost Party Time!!! – Club members should have received a couple invitations by now from Doug for the party at our meeting next week. Please RSVP if you haven't already. Note that the party starts a little earlier than our usual time (5:30) and it will not be a sit-down dinner (so the price is slightly less). Look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate all our hard work!

SP-CE Rotary and Veterans – In the 2012-13 Rotary year, our club formed a Veterans Committee, aimed primarily at supporting homeless veterans in their transition to employment and housing. The committee is chaired by Dan Davidson, and according to ClubRunner, the current members of the committee are:

- ★ Nicole Albert
- ★ Paul Butler
- ★ Dan Davidson
- ★ Bob Knupp
- ★ Tom Meyers
- ★ Doug Schauf
- ★ Tony Wagner

From 2012 through June, 2019, our club has spent just over \$40,000 in assisting veterans. Until recently, we worked in collaboration with the VA to provide items that it was difficult for them to provide in their budget directly to veterans: bus passes, gas cards, grocery store gift cards, bedding, pots & pans and other items needed to go from living on the street to having their own apartments. Due to bureaucratic issues, that working relationship with the VA ended recently, but we have found a new partner to work with to accomplish the same mission.

We heard this week from Mike Merrill, Program Manager for the Arthur B. Huot House in Saco and the Veterans Career House in Biddeford. Both residences are operated by Volunteers of

America, Northern New England and provide transitional housing. VOA-NNE also has a permanent residence community for veterans called Cabin in the Woods near Togus. The Huot House is named after Navy veteran Arthur B. Huot who believed that “It’s the day by day acts of kindness that change the world.” Our club has been trading kindnesses with the veterans served by the two Houses – we donated \$2,500 and the veterans provided valuable manpower at our tree unloadings, Mike described exactly what our donation was used for – the purchase of 4 beds (5 if you count the fact that Hub Furniture threw in an extra bed) and a desktop computer with a locking device to prevent it being stolen. Veterans use the computer to assist with employment and housing searches and to stay connected with their families. It’s fair to say that Dan and the rest of the committee are very pleased with the way our new partnership is working out.



When I googled Huot House and Mike Merrill, look who I found! Nicole served on the Huot House Advisory Council.



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