

Sybil Riemensnider founded the South Portland Food Cupboard in 1997 and it has grown to have progressively more impact over the years. Its website says that last year they served 21,981 individuals and distributed food worth $1,881,662! Our club has been a staunch supporter of SPFC with both our time and money (shown here in 2012 with club president Marge Barker).



When her obituary is published it will have the details that I'm pretty fuzzy on, but I remember that Sybil's career was in the food science industry, as was her late husband's and at one time they worked abroad (Scandinavia?). Anyway as a result of her extensive knowledge about food safety, she was insistent that the clients of the Food Cupboard receive food that was safe to eat, and moreover that they be treated with respect. Hence, "Sybil's Rules" which were displayed in the old location (shown here) and are also prominently featured in the new location as well.



Sybil joined SP-CE Rotary in 2008 and we made her an honorary member of our club in 2017. We also honored her as a Paul Harris Fellow for her Service Above Self at SPFC in May, 2012 – presented in this photo by Foundation Chair Frank Butterworth.





