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CLUB #6316 DISTRICT 778

MEDIA ADVISORY

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July 26, 2002

Contact:

Jack Roberts, 767-7616

BUG LIGHT TO BE RE-LIGHTED

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING EVENT:

WHAT: Bug Light "Recommissioning" Ceremony

WHERE: At Bug Light on the South Portland waterfront

WHEN: Wed. August 14, 2002, at 1:00 p.m.

WHO: Dignitaries at the ceremony are expected to include the South Portland City Manager, city councilors, regional lighthouse officials, USCG representatives, area Rotarians, and representatives from the Spring Point Ledge Light Trust Board.

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR MEDIA REPS: Contact Jack Roberts at 767-4526 (home) or 767-7616 (office).

DETAILS: See attached news release.

Media are cordially invited to cover this ceremony. Those who cannot may obtain a brief release and still photography after the ceremony by contacting Dan Davidson at 767-4682, publicity chair for the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club.



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NEWS RELEASE

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BUG LIGHT TO BE RE-LIGHTED AUG. 14 AFTER 60 YEARS

South Portland, Maine—For the first time in 60 years, people will finally see the light.

On Wed. Aug. 14 at 1:00 p.m. Bug Light in South Portland will once again be a beacon for Portland harbor after a 60-year hiatus. Thanks to the combined efforts of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Spring Point Ledge Light Trust Board, Bug Light will be equipped with a white four-second flashing solar-powered light.

In addition, two other projects are being undertaken to bring Bug Light back to its original standards. Rotarian Peter Cotter's Two Lights Painting crew has scraped and repainted the interior and the exterior of the light at cost. The Rotary Club is paying for those costs, about \$2300. Also, thanks to Tom Dutton of

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2-2-2-2 BUG LIGHT RE-LIGHTED

the USCG, a new 17-inch cast iron ventilator ball has been found to replace the one atop the light that was stolen some time ago. The Coast Guard is donating the new ball.

Jack Roberts, a Rotarian employed by the City of South Portland who is helping to coordinate the present effort, was the driving force behind efforts in 1989 to begin refurbishing Bug Light. The Rotary Club donated some \$13,000 at that time to help with repairs. That seed money ultimately resulted in a total of \$70,000, which included money from the Bicentennial Lighthouse Fund, sponsored by former Senator George Mitchell.

This will be one of the first projects of this Rotary year under the Rotary club's new president, Rick Dobson.

For more information about Rotary or Rotary membership, contact Rick Dobson at 773-8042 or <rdobson@cccsme.org>.