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01/17/14 THIS WEEK'S MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Jan 11, 2014

OUR ROTARY MEETING ON FRIDAY 01/17/14 IS AT THE HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY

*01/17/14 ALTERNATIVE POWER SOURCES IN MAINE

Posted by Ben Lowry on Jan 13, 2014



This Friday, we are fortunate to have our own past president, DICK HALL, as our featured speaker on the topic of alternative energy, covering a wide range of timely topics, including wind, wave, tidal and solar power sources.

Dick fulfills the role of Project Manager at SGC Engineering LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Senergy Alternative Energy, Inc., a worldwide company with 20 offices around the globe. SGC is an 80-person multidisciplinary engineering team serving clients in the northeastern region of the United States and Eastern Canada. Its team provides high voltage design, interface support, and grid connectivity for independent power producers, large manufacturing facilities, and electrical utilities. Dick and his team have extensive experience in connecting utility scale wind, hydro-electric and gas generation projects to the grid. The US team has a proven record of serving a diverse client base including industry, government, utilities, and affiliated organizations as they respond to the demands of a changing energy environment.

Dick has 30 years of experience providing technical, managerial, negotiations, and regulatory compliance. He has worked on both public and private sector projects, with extensive experience managing a broad range of issues related to regulatory compliance. In addition to his role in Maine as Project Manager, Dick works on increasing the scale and number of clients and projects that use Senergy for fully integrated services incorporating combinations of power engineering capability with other disciplines and capabilities.

Dick has substantial experience in managing and designing projects from conception through construction and his presentation looks to be informative and fascinating.

01/10/14 CLUB ASSEMBLY

Posted by Ben Lowry on Jan 13, 2014

PRESIDENT JOHN MARR, in his own special way, lead us on a look back over the first six months of his term, reminding us that when he first took the podium in July, he had no front teeth (after a nasty spill from his bike during the *Trek Across Maine*), so, for him to simply be at the podium in January, with a full set of choppers, is great

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progress! Only John can eloquently regale our group in this way, mixing in snippets containing phrases like “the definition of shrinkage” and “getting hammered” without missing a beat, and, happily, without losing the admiration from his adoring legions within the Portland Rotary Club.

Each president brings with him or her a certain style that keeps us all entertained.....this year, we are enjoying the stand-up routine of El Presidente Marr, and we are all richer for the experience.

After the chuckling subsided, we began the earnest business accorded a proper Club Assembly, hearing from committee chairs or their proxy with news of our past year’s successes and the hopes for more philanthropic endeavors in the months and years to come. First up was 1ST VP KRIS ROSADO, covering for this year’s fundraising chair extraordinaire, MIKE FORTUNATO. Kris reported on where we have been and where we are going.

- The wine-tasting event last month drew a throng of over 60 guests and raised about \$1000.
- The “Sweetheart Auction” (don’t call it a re-gifting auction) is in the works for February 14th (thus the name) with ELLEN NIEWOEHNER and EMILY MCENTEE back at the helm. Proceeds will go directly into our operating budget and items donated should have a minimum value of \$25.00...so seek out some gift certificates, donate your time, baked goods, etc. and get ready to bid high on Valentine’s Day. If you need suggestions, ask Ellen or Emily.
- The Allagash Brewery beer tasting is on tap (get it, “on tap”) for April, so get thirsty, my friends.
- Lastly, and by no means leastly, The *Maine Outdoor Challenge (MOC)*, our signature event, is a “go” for early June, with Kris reminding us that there are ways to get involved:

- 1) you can sign up to help the day of the event;
- 2) you can work on getting teams;
- 3) you can seek auction items; OR
- 4) ALL OF THE ABOVE.

We will be hearing a lot more about the MOC as we approach the spring, so stay alert (remember, Rotary needs more lerts!).

Next up to the podium were the spectacular team of JAN CHAPMAN and BRUCE MOORE, who are co-chairs of the International Service Committee, with reports of our numerous successes, including:

- raising, as a district, over \$25,000 for the victims of the Lac Megantic rail disaster;
- pulling together almost \$20,000 for the “Shelter Box” project to aid the families struck hardest by the typhoon in the Philippines;
- and of course, the projects closest to our hearts, the 3-H projects in the Dominican Republic, where we are now striving to help build a sound-proof room in the La Romana Hospital to aid in our hearing project; continuing in our ongoing efforts to supply clean drinking water in the bateyes for the working families in the cane fields, as well as, prosthetic hands that change the lives of so many.

There was also some discussion of perhaps working with the Bath Rotary Club on a water project in Cambodia and the ongoing need in our efforts to provide crutches, canes and walkers for those in need in Africa. So many great international projects....without even mentioning the Polio Plus program, which has funded the vaccination of over 2 billion children since its inception in 1985.

On the local level, we heard a report from STEVE STROMSKY, who has quickly become “Mr. Community Service” during his short three-year tenure in our band. Steve highlighted numerous successful and ongoing projects that included:

- two clothing drives;
- feeding those in need at the Preble Street Resource Center, where, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, we pitch in to feed over 600 hungry mouths;
- the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen



Thanksgiving dinner, where, on a rainy Wednesday in November, we fed 194 thankful souls;

- the Meals on Wheels program;
- the Salvation Army bell ringers at Monument Square;
- the Diaper Project, wherein GEORGE CROCKETT spearheaded the donation of over 900 diapers to needy parents;
- as well as, donations for the Salvation Army Christmas dinner.

With a big smile on his face, PRESIDENT JOHN made a surprise presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow to our new local hero, STEVE STROMSKY, who bashfully acknowledged a well-deserved standing ovation.

LAURA YOUNG, pinch hitting for HAROLD CRABILL, gave us a report from the Youth Services Committee, where "many hands make for light work." Accolades should be given to these committee members who have quietly gone about changing the lives of so many local kids, from:

- the ongoing and burgeoning efforts at the Long Creek Youth Development Center, where we spearhead a monthly project;
- to our "Youth Service Award," which has now risen from a \$500 to a \$1000 award to a local high school senior who has exhibited "service above self";
- the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), where members RYLAN NIMOCKS (a RYLA alum) and BILL ROSS work to send worthy high schoolers to a leadership program at Camp Hinds in Raymond;
- the ongoing efforts of FRANK ROBBINS to start an Interact Club at Deering High School;
- our Immigrant Transcript Translation project; and
- our Reiche School summer snack program.

There is no shortage of efforts on the part of Portland Rotarians to seek out new and exciting ways to help kids in need within the city. PP CYRUS HAGGE quickly threw out an idea of trying to get new basketball shoes (they are not sneakers anymore, gang) for the residents at Long Creek, an idea that was met by the club with overwhelming support.

There was a lot to take in.....but the bottom line is this: we, as Portland Rotarians, are changing the world, from distant continents to the families in need in our own back yard. We are making our presence felt, every month, every year. Keep up the great work!



Steve Stromsky, PP Cy Hagge, President John Marr, Bruce Moore, Jan Chapman, Laura Young and 1st VP Kris Rosado

01/10/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Janelle LoSciuto on Jan 14, 2014

RUSS BURLEIGH shared news that Brown Fox Printing has now merged with Time4Printing (Windham) as of Dec. 31, 2013, allowing him to retire. During the transition over the past three+ months, **LORETTA ROWE** was kind enough to lend him a hand. During that time Loretta had partnered with Russ to do a print job for one of her own customers for 3,000 folders. While Russ was transporting the folders back to the BFP office, he realized the tailgate on his truck was left open and a box was missing. Sure enough, there were about 1,000 folders scattered across the highway. Fortunately, two young men stopped and helped retrieve every one of them, but when Russ offered the young men \$10 each, they declined. Russ wanted to pay-it-forward and made a

\$50 contribution to the Rotary club in honor of Loretta and the 2 young men. Thank you, Russ!

AL SARGENT led us in a rousing rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*, while **RUSS BURLEIGH** tickled the ivories.



JUSTIN LAMONTAGNE thanked all of the people who supported him in his "Annual Lobster Dip" on New Year's Day; he raised more than \$2,000 to benefit the **Special Olympics of Maine**. Thanks for braving the freezing temps and mounds of snow, Justin! Brrrrr!

ELLEN NIEWOEHNER conducted the raffle, whereupon the elusive Queen of Hearts stayed in hiding from **PHIL EVERETT**.....and the pot continues to grow! While at the podium, Ellen gave us details of the Dunkin Donuts mug fundraiser. Buy a mug for \$20, stop in to any DD in Maine and get free coffee in the mug every Sunday in 2014. All of the proceeds from the sale of the mugs will go to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Maine.



JIM WILLEY read a nice thank you letter from the Long Creek Youth Development Center.

We had two guests join our meeting: **Eric Greven**, a guest of Bruce Jones and **Rich Cromwell**, a visiting Rotarian from the Bath Rotary Club.

PRESIDENT JOHN announced that there will be a 'Mid-year District Leadership' dinner on Monday, January 27th. If you are interested in attending, please register online at www.rotary7780.org and then let President John know you are going to attend.

PRESIDENT JOHN also announced the upcoming date of February 22nd for a day our club will participate in a District-wide celebration of World Understanding and Peace. Our club is planning to get involved in supporting a local food pantry during that weekend (or during the month), with a plan to run a food drive. At the end of the day on Feb. 22nd, everyone in the District will meet at the Woodfords Church, Woodfords Street, Portland to join in a "Frugal Feast."

Cost \$25 per person - includes a donation to the Rotary Foundation

5:00 Social hour (cash bar: beer and wine)

5:30 Welcome

5:45 Dinner (soup, salad, garlic bread, greek pizza, dessert) catered by "A Fine Kettle of Fish"

6:45 Program and announcement of 'Service Above Self' honoree

01/17/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jan 12, 2014

Program/Presentation Reporter: Dave Smith

Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bob Martin

Registration: Christine Force

Meal Ticket Sales: Scott Blakeslee

Greeter: Suzanne Umland

Raffle: Tara Hill

Invocator: Garvey MacLean

Music - Song Leader: Janelle LoSciuto

Music - Piano Player: Russ Burleigh

Sgt at Arms - Early: Jon Young

Sgt at Arms - Late: Jim Willey

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jan 12, 2014

If you would like to mark your calendars for our 'On-The-Road' locations that are coming up for the year, here is where our meetings will be held:

Jan. 17 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jan. 24 - The Clarion

Jan. 31 - The Clarion

Feb. 7 - The Clarion

Feb. 14 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Feb. 21 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
 Feb. 28 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Mar. 7 - The Clarion
 Mar. 14 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Mar. 21 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
 Mar. 28 - Boys & Girls Club

Apr. 4 - The Clarion
 Apr. 11 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Apr. 18 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
 Apr. 25 - The Clarion

May 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
 May 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Dates in **BOLD** are scheduled Board of Director meetings.

Any questions, please contact Loretta at: lrowe@maine.rr.com

FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (update 1/7/14)

Posted by William Blount on Jan 07, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - SPRING SEASON 2014 (updated 1/7/14)

The new schedule is out. Let the games begin.

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
J Barns	L Gross	J Bourdeau	D Seddon	J Bourdeau	S Blakeslee
P Noyes	Ken Ray	J Young	D Hall	F Thompson	B Blount
B Moore	C Bowker	D Putnam	H Herodes	A Chipman	R Asch
J Houghton	K Grammer	R Burleigh	L Young	E Jorgensen	J Carr
1	1	3	3	0	0

MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Dec 29, 2013



You can watch our recent Portland Rotary Club speakers on the Community Television Network website:

<http://ctn5.org/shows/rotary-club-speakers-series>

You can always find the link on the Portland Rotary Home Page!