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News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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02/07/14 THIS WEEK'S MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Feb 01, 2014

ROTARY MEETING ON FRIDAY 02/07/14 IS AT THE CLARION HOTEL

THE PASSING OF A FELLOW ROTARIAN

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 04, 2014



We are very saddened at the passing of D. Duane Pearce on Friday, January 31, 2014 at the Maine Medical Center.

Duane was a dedicated and proud Rotarian, having joined in 1968 and serving as the Club Secretary from 1990-2008. He was humbled when the Board of Directors presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008 for his Service Above Self to our club.

He will be sorely missed.

Visitation hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland. A joint Methodist and Catholic service will be held Friday, at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Martyrs Church, Route 88, Falmouth Foreside. Burial will follow in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth.

Those desiring to make donations in Duane's memory, can make them to: the First Tee of Maine at www.thefirstteemaine.org.

*02/07/14 THE STATUS OF CHILDREN IN MAINE: 2013 MAINE-KIDS-COUNT DATA BOOK, Claire Berkowitz, Ex. Dir. Maine Children's Alliance

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 01, 2014

Claire Berkowitz is the Executive Director of the **Maine Children's Alliance (MCA)**, a nonpartisan, data-focused organization that advocates for public policies that improve the lives of Maine's children, youth and families. Since 1994, MCA has provided comprehensive data and

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information about the status and well-being of Maine's children through [Maine KIDS COUNT](#), a project funded by the Annie E. Casey

Foundation (AECF).

Prior to becoming MCA's Executive Director last month, Claire served as the KIDS COUNT Director for five years. During that time she wrote and produced five editions of the [Maine KIDS COUNT Data Book](#) and worked on many other reports, including School Readiness, Head Start, the 2010 Children's Mental Health Report. Claire has provided data expertise on community efforts to improve educational outcomes for children through the United Way of Greater Portland and the Many Flags Promise Neighborhood in Rockland.

Claire moved to Maine in 1996 and worked at Bowdoin College for 8 years, first as the Assistant Director of Institutional Research and then as the Academic Program Analyst for the Dean for Academic Affairs.

Before coming to MCA, Claire worked for two community non-profits in Bath. As the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Bath United Church of Christ, she managed a partnership between the congregation and Tedford Housing, so that six units of supportive housing for formerly homeless families could be built. Claire then served as the Executive Director of the Bath Youth Meetinghouse & Skatepark (The Park), a one-of-a-kind nonprofit that serves as a safe haven and recreation center for youth in the greater Bath community.

Claire holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Mary Washington in Virginia and a Master's in psychology from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

Claire serves as a Board member for the Wescustago Youth Chorale in Freeport and is a vocalist in the Vox Nova Chamber Choir. Claire lives in Bath with her husband, Ross, and their two daughters.

01/31/14 THE MAINE WABANAKI - STATE CHILD WELFARE TRC

Posted by Garvey MacLean on Feb 04, 2014



Our speaker last week was Arla Patch, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Maine Wabanaki. By way of introduction to the formation and the work of The Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), she gave us a harrowing account of the 600-year

conflict between the indigenous people of, and the immigrants to, the North American Continent.

The TRC was formed on June 29, 2012.

It has three purposes:

1. **TRUTH:** to document what happened to the Wabanaki children in the State welfare system;
2. **HEALING:** to give Wabanaki people an opportunity to share their experiences and begin the healing process;
3. **CHANGE:** to issue a report that includes recommendations for the best child welfare practice with Wabanaki children and families.

The five commissioners who were sworn in February 12, 2013 are: Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State; Gkisedtanamoogk, a member of the native studies faculty at U Maine and the Wampanaog tribe; Dr. Gail Werrbach, Director of Social Work at U Maine; Sandra White Hawk, a member of the Sacungu Lakota tribe from Wisconsin and Director of the First Nations Reparations Institute; and Carol Wishcamper, a long-time Maine educator.

The commissioners have completed a six-month preparatory period and are focusing on each tribal community, gathering testimony and doing research. The Commission will work a total of thirty-six months, but the healing which is the "Justice" for Wabanaki people, will continue long after the Commission fulfills its mandate. What "Reconciliation" will turn out to be remains unknown but, as with "Justice," it will unfold for years across the state.

POSTPONED...SPECIAL APPEARANCE.....

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 03, 2014

Due to time constraints last Friday, our planned tribute to Pete Seeger, who recently passed away on January 27, 2014, at the age of 94, was postponed until this Friday. Our star performer will be our own **BILL BLOUNT**, presenting "Where Have All The Flowers Gone."

01/31/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Feb 03, 2014

Those of us who heeded the Clarion's call were in attendance. **PRESIDENT JOHN** convened the meeting and, by the power vested in him, proclaimed the fifth Friday of any month to be the "Significant Friday" meeting for our club on which to bring your "significant other" to our meeting. (More on that to follow over the coming months.) Inspired by Shakespeare, **ALAN NYE** invoked us with a prayer....brevity was the message....Amen. **BEN LOWRY** obliged **PRESIDENT JOHN's** request to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and **KATHY GRAMMER** set the tone for "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

PRESIDENT JOHN reconvened the meeting after lunch recalling this past week's visit by Rotarian mentors to the Long Creek Youth Center. **JIM** and **BARBARA WILLEY** have been reliable mentors for 15 years. **JOHN** then pulled out a gift from the residents....a customized Monopoly board with a Portland flavor. **HAROLD CRABILL** asked if there was any special dispensation for the "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

We had two visiting Rotarians from the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club, **BARBARA SUTCLIFFE** and **DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT**

LAWRENCE FURBISH. Visiting guests consisted of the significant others of well over a dozen Rotarians, all of whom were welcomed from the podium.

EMILY McENTEE conducted the raffle, where the very-significant-other of MIKE FORTUNATO, Pat Fortunato, was selected for a chance to find the Queen of Hearts in the dwindling deck of cards and grant the winning \$492 jackpot. But, alas, her draw was disappointing, as the King of Clubs was picked and discarded.

ELLEN NIEWOEHNER announced the Sweetheart Auction was to be postponed. It is now to be called the "Spring Fling Auction" and will be held the day before the Ides of March on Friday 3/14/14. Be creative folks...please contact ELLEN, EMILY OR LORETTA with your donations of in-kind services, time at your vacation home, a monthly supply of cookies, even a bottle of wine a week. She also announced another Rotary midweek ski getaway: Feb 6th at Sunday River, 9 am at the Southridge Lodge or noon at Northpeak.

PRESIDENT JOHN announced the Portland Sunrise Rotary Club's annual wine tasting event, scheduled to be at Dimillos, Feb. 5th, 5:30 p.m. GEORGE CROCKETT regrets that he could not attend and free tickets to the event were given to LORETTA, CHARLIE FRAIR and ROGER FAGAN, courtesy of GEORGE and Memic.

STEVE STROMSKY solicited food donations for the Preble Street Resource Center. The "Frugal Feast," a District event at Woodfords Church Sat. Feb 22 5:30, will culminate the food-drive campaign. More details and a list of food items that you can donate are featured below.



AMY CHIPMAN presented us with a Rotary Foundation minute-and-a-half, discussing the Global Grant FKA Matching Grant. Our district has raised \$187,000 with several initiatives including our club's efforts in La Romana Dominican Republic.

MIKE REED recognized MIKE FORTUNATO with a Paul Harris Fellow and in return, received one for himself. Please consider the Foundation in your annual giving.

KATHY GRAMMER made a plea for assistance with our Club's Centennial Celebration 2015. We are looking for a nationally-recognized speaker to address our celebratory centennial assembly. If you can think of a candidate that suits our mission, and even better if you have a connection to someone, let Kathy know.

HAROLD CRABILL
introduced Derek Pierce,
Principal of Casco Bay High
School, who then
announced and introduced

the Rotary Club's recipient of the Youth Service Award, Isabelle Handanos.



On Friday, January 31, JACK CARR and GLENN NERBAK attended the swearing-in of Kimara Nzamubona as an American citizen. Kimara is a mentee in Glenn's Portland Mentoring Alliance at Portland High School. Portland Rotary had

arranged a scholarship for Kimara at Colby College and he graduates this Spring with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. CONGRATULATIONS to all!!!!

STUFF-THE-BUS FOOD DRIVE & FRUGAL FEAST

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 04, 2014

The Portland Rotary Club has partnered with KeyBank to ask for your assistance in helping those who struggle to fulfill their daily needs.

Community Service Committee Chair, **STEVE STROMSKY**, is spear-heading a food drive to "STUFF THE BUS" in support of Preble Street Resource Center (the local food pantry beneficiary). Here is a "Wish List" of items you might consider bringing to Rotary over the next 4 weeks, as we collect boxed, canned and non-perishable food goods. You may also drop off the donated items at Steve's office at KeyBank, Monument Square or any KeyBank in the greater Portland area:

- juice
- coffee and tea
- cereal
- pancake mix
- pancake syrup
- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- canned soup
- canned beans
- chicken broth
- rice and/or pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- canned tomatoes
- canned tuna
- canned chicken
- sugar
- flour
- condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)

- vegetable oil
- salad dressing

The "drive" will culminate on Feb. 22nd where all Rotarians in the district are invited to gather at the Woodford's Church for the **2nd Annual Frugal Feast**. There will be a \$25 cost, that 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 (speaker TBA)

Attire - New England winter comfortable

Entertainment by The Harbour Singers

Who should attend? All District 7780 Rotarians and their guests! Come to reconnect with Rotarian friends and make new Rotarian friendships. Come for the fellowship. Celebrate our district's support of local food pantries. Be inspired by the stories of our speakers' stories and share stories of engaged Rotarians who are changing lives. How better to spend a cold February evening than by warming your heart alongside Rotarian friends doing good work at home and around the world?

Register at www.Rotary7780.org

Pay on-line by credit card or mail payment (check payable to Rotary District 7780) to:

Linda Morkeski, Rotary Frugal Feast, 7 Oak Street, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

For further details, please contact Steve at:
stevan_j_stromsky@keybank.com

02/07/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 02, 2014

Invocator: Carl Spang

Program/Presentation Reporter: Jake Bourdeau

Bits & Pieces Reporter: Peter Noyes

Registration: Russell Voss

Meal Ticket Sales: Rylan Nimocks

Greeter: Susie Daniels

Raffle: Loretta Rowe

Music - Song Leader: Kathy Grammer

Music - Piano Player: No piano - on the road

Sgt at Arms - Early: Mike Reed

Sgt at Arms - Late: Harold Crabill

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 01, 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:

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 (updated 2/4/14)

Posted by William Blount on Feb 04, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014

(updated 2/4/14)

Find your substitutes early.....a lot of folks are looking for help next Monday 2/10.

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
J Barns	L Gross	J Bourdeau	D Seddon	B Lowry	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
7	7	10	5	6	4

MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Feb 04, 2014



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!

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