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News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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02/14/14 THIS WEEK'S MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Feb 08, 2014

ROTARY MEETING ON FRIDAY 02/14/14 IS AT THE HOLIDAY INN-BY-THE-BAY



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

*02/14/14 ED REICHERT - USM MUSIC THEATER

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 08, 2014



EDWARD REICHERT, Faculty/Musical Theater Vocal Coach in the USM School of Music since 2001, will be joined by a group of Musical Theater majors to perform a variety of Broadway selections for this Valentine's Day meeting program. You will experience the breadth of musical styles that these up and coming performers need to study in order to make a career in musical theater.

ED is originally from Ohio and studied music and theater at the Aaron Copland School of Music/CUNY (B.M.) where he worked under the tutelage of composer/conductor Hugo Weisgall as both a vocal coach and stage director in the Opera Studio and Musical Theater Workshop. His NYC credits include numerous Off Broadway plays, musicals, operas, as well as many college/university productions and cabaret venues. (He even accompanied Wesley Snipes for his senior showcase at Purchase University and taught Lisa Lisa at a performing arts high school!)

Highlights since moving to Maine in 1987: 20 years in residence at Maine State Music Theatre; musical director/conductor for productions at Walnut Street Theatre, North Shore Music Theatre, Ogunquit Playhouse, Seacoast Rep, Portland Stage Company, The Fulton Theatre, Arundel Barn Playhouse, and Florida Repertory Theatre; producing the critically acclaimed Songbook Series at the Portland Museum of Art; conducting the Portland Symphony Orchestra in a concert version of *Evita* starring Andrea McArdle; his collaborations with TONY Award winning composer Maury Yeston; and his long associations with vocalists Marie Pressman and Judith James. Ed has been a guest instructor and director at the University of New Hampshire/Durham (Regional ACTF Finalist for *Blood Brothers*), St. Joseph's College, and Sacramento State University.

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He is a member of Actors' Equity Association and has appeared onstage as "Manny" in productions of *Master Class* opposite Lucie Arnaz (SRT) and Rosemary Prinz (PSC). His favorite directing credits at USM include Andrew Lipppa's *The Wild Party*, *Urinetown*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Bat Boy*, and *Titanic*. Ed is very proud of all of his current and former students' accomplishments.

His ensemble performers will consist of:

Emily Davis (senior from Windham), Liz Kershenbaum (junior from North Andover, MA.), Eric Berry-Sandelin (sophomore from South Portland), and Cameron Wright (sophomore from Ellsworth). They are all Musical Theater majors in the School of Music at USM. And they are all playing roles in the upcoming production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" in March. They'll be singing a variety of music, with some favorite selections by Berlin, Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart...to some newer composers...as well as a preview from Drood.



Emily Davis



Liz Kershenbaum



Eric Berry-Sandelin



Cameron Wright

02/07/14 MAINE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE - CLAIRE BERKOWITZ

Posted by Jacob Bourdeau on Feb 10, 2014



Rusty Atwood
Claire Berkowitz

Our speaker last Friday was Claire Berkowitz, who is the Executive Director of the Maine Children's Alliance (MCA). MCA advocates for public policies to enhance Maine's youth and families which, in turn, enhances our youth's health, emotional status, and intellect. Since the brain develops fastest in the early years, stable adult support to a child during that time is a building block for success as a future adult. Violence, poverty or neglect can cause issues long term and affects learning.

Ms. Berkowitz's current work with MCA and former work with the annual "Kids Count" publication provides her the knowledge to meet MCA goals and evoke positive change for Maine's youth. Ms. Berkowitz presented the statistics from "Kids Count" to Rotary, comparing Cumberland County's youth statistics to the rest of Maine. Some interesting statistics presented as follows:

- The Federal poverty level for a family of four is \$23,400. Maine's children 5 years of age or younger live in poverty at a rate (24.2%) only slightly less than the US national rate of 25.8%. This rate is increasing.
- There are approximately 275,000 children in Maine, and 21.5% of them live in Cumberland County (the most kids as a percentage in the region).
- The number of teens in the Cumberland County homeless shelter is increasing.
- 45% of Maine children under 18 live in low income conditions (less than 2 times the poverty rate).
- SNAP (food stamps) benefits enrollment is dropping due to an increase in economic conditions.
- 70% of parents in Cumberland County have child care needs.
- The rate of single-teen pregnancies is down slightly.

MCA provides non-partisan leadership by providing legislative advocacy,

comprehensive data on the health and well-being of Maine children, and collaborating with partners at the state, regional and national levels. It's apparent that MCA's work is valuable to not only the children of Maine but also to the State, building a future work force that is both capable and sustaining.

02/07/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by David Smith on Feb 11, 2014



D. Duane Pearce

Friday's luncheon had its somber moments due to the passing of long-time member, **DUANE PEARCE**. His funeral service was held simultaneously with our meeting on this day. Attendance at our regular meeting was reasonable and table-talk, pretty much around the room, centered on pleasant reminiscences of **DUANE** and his 48 plus years as a Portland Rotarian.

PRESIDENT-ELECT KRIS ROSADO, in the absence of **PRESIDENT JOHN**, called the meeting to order. **RUSS BURLEIGH** invoked the Deity to bless us all and led the group in a soft rendition of "America the Beautiful."



Director of Guidance Victoria Caron
YSA recipient Jenna Roberge
Harold Crabill

First order of business was **HAROLD CRABILL**, Chair of the Youth Services Committee, getting the ball rolling by introducing Victoria Caron, Director of Guidance Services at Cheverus High School, who in turn, introduced the recipient of our Youth Service Award (YSA), Jenna Roberge. Jenna is a senior at Cheverus, active in extracurricular activities such as tennis and student affairs. She is also a long-time volunteer at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

As a YSA recipient, Jenna got to select a charity of her choice to which the Rotary Club will make a donation in her name and she chose the "Make A Wish Foundation." Her proud parents beamed during the presentation.



EMILY McENTEE conducted the raffle for \$514 and drew **JUSTIN LAMONTAGNE's** name. **JUSTIN**, however, drew a number card instead of a face card, so the pot continues to get bigger.

RUSS BURLEIGH then reappeared to lead us in a rendition of Pete Seeger's "Blowin' in the Wind"...not bad. Our "scheduled" performer (**BILL BLOUNT**) was attending **DUANE PEARCE's** funeral.

STEVE STROMSKY announced that volunteers were still needed for this Tuesday night's regular dinner serving at Preble Street Resource Center, running from 5-7 p.m. **PRESIDENT-ELECT KRIS** also announced that in addition to food donations for Preble Street, **STEVE** was now accepting cash donations from those who don't like to shop.

And lastly, a word about sartorial splendor....**PRESIDENT-ELECT KRIS** looked terrific

in a nice blue jacket...which happened to belong to **HAROLD CRABILL**. **KRIS** had borrowed it because he had forgotten his. **HAROLD** was also ready to loan him the shirt off his back. Talk about "Service Above Self."

STUFF-THE-BUS FOOD DRIVE & FRUGAL FEAST

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 11, 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 spearheading 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/World Understanding and Peace Dinner**. 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

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

02/14/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 11, 2014



Invoker: Peggy Wescott
Program/Presentation Reporter: Garvey MacLean
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bruce Jones
Registration: Ellen Niewoehner
Meal Ticket Sales: Victor Pizzuto
Greeter: Dave Smith
Raffle: Steve Stromsky
Music - Song Leader: None
Music - Piano Player: None
Sgt at Arms - Early: Justin LaMontagne
Sgt at Arms - Late: Peter Ingram

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Feb 08, 2014

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



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 2/11/14)

Posted by William Blount on Feb 11, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014 (updated 2/11/14)

Find your substitutes early.....a lot of folks are looking for help President's Day next Monday 2/17.

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	9	10	7	8	5



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>

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