

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Hello Loretta! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

Speakers

Mar 14, 2014

Todd Wynn

HydroPower in Maine

Mar 21, 2014

Kristen Miale, President Good Shepherd Food Bank

Hunger in Maine

Mar 28, 2014

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03/14/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Mar 08, 2014

FRIDAY 03/14/14,
WE ARE MEETING AT THE
HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY
ALSO OUR 'SPRING FLING' AUCTION!

*03/14/14 TODD WYNN - HYDRO POWER IN MAINE

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 10, 2014

Our program/presenter for this Friday is Todd Wynn, Vice President of Operations for Brookfield Renewable Energy Group. Mr. Wynn is responsible for Brookfield's renewable energy businesses in New England and Eastern Canada. In New England and Eastern Canada, Brookfield owns and operates more than 50 hydroelectric and wind energy facilities, totaling more than 1,000 megawatts of power. Brookfield also owns and operates a 330 megawatts high voltage direct current (HVDC) undersea cable which provides transmission between CT and NY.

Prior to Brookfield, Mr. Wynn was General Manager of Wind Operations at Enel Green Power where he managed the company's wind generation portfolio throughout North America. Mr. Wynn also held several positions in General Electric, including Vice President, GE Energy Financial Services and several management positions within GE Wind Energy.

Mr. Wynn received a Bachelor of Science with Merit, in Mechanical Engineering from the US Naval Academy, Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island, and a Masters of Business Administration from Cornell University.

03/07/14 EMPLOYMENT HELP FOR MEMBERS OF THE GUARD AND THE RESERVES

Posted by David Smith on Mar 09, 2014

Our speaker on Friday was Dennis P. Wellman,

Director - Term Ending 2014
Charlie Frair

Director - Term Ending 2015
Toby Cook

Sergeant-at-Arms
Mike Fortunato

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Steve Stromsky

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Bob Traill, Dennis Wellman and Travis Hill

Employment Specialist for the Employer Support of Guard and Reserves, (ESRG), and Executive Director of the Maine Committee. ESRG was formed in 1972 by Presidential Proclamation. Part of its

mission is to assist members and employers in resolving any problems, issues or concerns regarding rights of employment under the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Another part is to help the guardsmen and reservists find jobs.

ESRG is under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense. It is comprised of a national committee composed of 55 states and territories and has the help and devotion of more than 4500 volunteers across the country. One of the programs it runs is HERO2 Hired (H2Hjobs). The purpose is to bring together potential candidates with employers who are hiring. Dennis' main responsibility is to facilitate such interviews and to help both sides reach a satisfactory result.

Among other things, employers who hire guardsmen and reservists may be entitled to tax credits. H2Hjobs is there to help applicants and members navigate the complicated shoals of federal regulation. In addition, it also provides a website where employers can post, without charge, available job openings.

ESRG, as noted, is staffed primarily by volunteers. Up until recently ESRG, in Bangor, had few, if any, employees available for outreach. However, it recently hired Travis Hill to do just that. He will be reaching out across the State, helping Dennis to educate members and employers about the advantages and benefits the ESRG offers.

At the end of the presentation, PRESIDENT JOHN mentioned that he had not seen many guardsmen or reservists being hired and hoped that the members of Portland Rotary who were able, would look carefully and consider seriously the people who guard(ed) our country as possible employees. ESRG focuses on those who exemplify "Service Above Self" and we wish them all success.

03/07/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Alan Nye on Mar 10, 2014

PRESIDENT JOHN called the meeting to order and **STEVE DITMER** gave an invocation commemorating the death of Aristotle. Many of us are still pondering its meaning. **TOBY COOK** led us in the pledge to our flag.

PRESIDENT JOHN made sure to know that he didn't want any telephonic caroling and urged everyone to feed the birds on the tables, the "2 cans." (Yes, he really said that.)

LORETTA ROWE conducted the raffle and **ERIC LUSK** helped ensure that the jackpot keeps growing for next week, when he failed to pull the

Queen of Hearts.

LORETTA also made a strong plea for donations for the “Spring Fling Auction” that will take place at our meeting this Friday, March 14th. If you have items to donate, Loretta needs to know right away, so please email her immediately. If you don’t have anything to donate but time, be a volunteer! If you are able to volunteer, please be at the meeting by 11:00 am.

It’s also time for you to make your request known about what committees you’d like to be on next year. You’re able to be on as many committees as you like, just select your order of preference. Please return them to **LORETTA** by March 28th.



HAROLD CRABILL introduced Deering High School President Ira Waltz, who introduced our Youth Service Award recipient, **Kinyaa Josephine Luka**. Josephine is an impressive student

who fled from the Sudan and speaks six languages. She has many awards at Deering and boasts a 97 grade-point average. She also is a teacher’s assistant at Longfellow School and is a Docent at the Portland Museum of Art. She eloquently thanked the club for her scholarship.

PRESIDENT JOHN mentioned that he has participated in the upcoming career day at Deering High School. In his own unique way, he discussed the coaching interviewing skills given to students. This event occurs on March 12 and volunteers are still needed. Since no one quite followed what **President John** was trying to express, **DAVE SMALL** jumped in and explained what was needed. Basically, we’re still looking for volunteers.

If you can help, contact Dave.

It was on March 7th in 1876 that Alexander Graham Bell was issued a patent for the telephone. **Steve Ditmer** led us in a commemorative song with an old Stevie Wonder hit, “I Just Called to Say I Love You.” We sang much better this week.



PREPARING FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 02, 2014

PLEASE READ AND HEED....

HELP US GET READY FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR (2014-15):

1. Go to the club website and check your personal information to be sure it is correct. If you need help in doing so, please contact

Loretta. Information for the roster is pulled from the website, so if it is wrong on the website, it will be wrong in the roster. You can make ANY changes to your personal or business information yourself. Again, if you need assistance/instructions, please contact Loretta.

2. Committee Preference Sheets will be emailed out shortly...so start thinking about which committees you would like to volunteer to serve on. You may also be contacted directly by the chair of the respective committees and personally asked to be on their committee.
3. If you are new to the club, please email a head-shot photo of yourself directly to Loretta to use in the roster....OR if you are in need/want of having your photo (re)taken, please contact Russ Burleigh to have one taken at a Rotary meeting.
4. Consider putting your company's ad or your own personal ad in the new roster...it helps defray the printing costs. Please contact Loretta and/or someone will be contacting you in the near future.

Loretta's email address: lrowe@maine.rr.com

Thank you.

03/14/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 08, 2014

Image **Invoker:** Kathy Grammer
Program/Presentation Reporter: Garvey Maclean
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Ben Lowry
Registration: Rich Campbell
Meal Ticket Sales: Bob Martin
Greeter: Emily McEntee
Raffle: Ron Bennett
Music - Song Leader: Russ Burleigh
Music - Piano Player: Kathy Grammer
Sgt at Arms - Early: Jake Bourdeau
Sgt at Arms - Late: Mike Reed

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 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:

Mar. 14 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay **SPRING FLING AUCTION**

Mar. 21 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Mar. 28 - Boys & Girls Club

Apr. 4 - **The Clarion Hotel**

Apr. 11 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Apr. 18 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Apr. 25 - **The Clarion Hotel**

May 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 16 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 23 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 30 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 6 - **The Clarion Hotel**

Jun 13 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 20 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 27 - **The Clarion Hotel**

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 3/11/14)

Posted by William Blount on Mar 11, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014
(updated 3/11/14)

Find your substitutes early..a lot of folks on vaca for mud season.

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
12	12	15	11	14	9

MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Feb 23, 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!

Loretta's Commitments