

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Editor David Smith

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

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Baseball Legend Mort Soule
Casey at the Bat

Apr 11, 2014

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04/04/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Mar 30, 2014



FRIDAY 04/04/14
WE ARE MEETING AT THE
CLARION HOTEL



*04/04/14 MORT SOULE - "CASEY AT THE BAT"

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 31, 2014



Our speaker/program this Friday will be Mort Soule. Offering a timely talk coinciding with the beginning of baseball season, Mort is a Maine legend in sports and education. Last season he recited the famous poem "Casey At The Bat" by Ernest Thayer, before a full house at Fenway Park. Now he has created a presentation consisting not only of the famous poem, but a short talk about the history of the poem and the lessons that it offers for life and business.

Mort is a graduate of Bowdoin college where he holds the record for the fewest strikeouts in a season. He was a star athlete at Bowdoin, and you can still see him in his black letterman's sweater with the large B on his chest when his alma mater has a big game.

A humorous and engaging speaker who will have great appeal for us, Mort is a unique and intriguing individual and true Mainer. He is also well known as a local sports coach and the longtime Latin teacher at Cape Elizabeth High School.

03/28/14 BGCSM - SERVE MORE KIDS, DO IT BETTER AND WITH STRONGER IMPACT

Posted by David Smith on Mar 30, 2014



Our speaker and host last Friday, was our own **BOB CLARK**, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine (the Club). Our meeting was held at the clubhouse, a spacious and cheerful building on Cumberland Avenue in Portland that opened its doors in 1932. **BOB** was introduced by **PE KRIS ROSADO**, a very active board member of the national club.

The motto of the Club is the title of this article: serving more kids better and with more impact. Over the last few years, in the implementation of that mission, the Club has grown to five locations in Maine, serving over 2100 kids each year. It provides athletics, after school programs, even space for the kids to do their homework each day. The Club believes strongly that not only does education build character, but also sports and just having fun. To that end, it sponsors music programs each year where the kids themselves provide the entertainment.

Bob introduced a number of people on his staff, including Tiffanie Ponagakos, Director of the Riverton Club. She, in turn, introduced Adbifatar Hassan from that club, winner of the National Youth of the Year award. Adbi spoke softly about how honored he was to win that award and how he was looking forward to continuing his education. When asked what he wanted to do in the future, he said he wanted to major in Theatre Arts, become a comedian and make people laugh. Good Luck, Adbi!



Next to be introduced was Karen MacDonald, Chief Operating Officer. She told us about the cooking programs to help kids learn about nutritious foods and the way the Club, in partnership with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, provides afternoon meals, which may be the last meal the kids get until the next day.

Growing up, **PRESIDENT JOHN** was a member of the Club in Charlestown, Mass. In a touching and thoughtful presentation, **BOB** had researched **PRESIDENT JOHN's** old membership number and gave him a new card with his old number.



PRESIDENT-ELECT KRIS ROSADO told us that the "*Maine Outdoor Challenge*" had contributed over \$17,000 to the Club in the last two years. It is money well given and money well spent. Support the Challenge!!

03/28/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Robert Martin on Apr 01, 2014



On 3/28, we gathered in the impressive Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maine with **PRESIDENT JOHN** in full South-East-North Boston upscale gangsta garb and accent—who knows why.

We welcomed Portland Councilor Cheryl Leeman and Lester Evans among our guests. Bill York, a recognized part-time Portland Rotary member from the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club joined us. Bill also announced of an upcoming joint club meeting. He and Mike Fortunato are working out the details.

JAN CHAPMAN conducted the growing raffle and provided **DAVID SMALL** a chance to draw the elusive Queen of Hearts, but alas, he drew the 9 of clubs.

ELLEN NIEWOEHNER and **EMILY MCENTEE** reported that \$2,992 had been raised in the Spring Fling Auction held on 3/14/14 (actual amount was \$3,007....with \$8 more contributed by **PRESIDENT JOHN**, who wanted to round up the number....making the total \$3,015 [LR]). Kudos and thanks to everyone who participated.



JOHN CURRAN shared a presentation on the results of the "Maine Outdoor Challenge" (MOC) event and its impact on the 3-H Project in the Dominican Republic (DR). As with all good investments, the MOC contribution to the 3-H project has been leveraged with other clubs to provide in the past 100 hearing aids; training of 3 nurses; and 75 prosthetic hands to our friends in the DR, ranging in age from 2 to 81 years old. This year, the 3-H team has leveraged the \$11,000 MOC contribution to \$22,500. It will allow a team of 15 folks to provide 100 hearing aids, 130 prosthetic hands, and 65 water filters at several clinics in the DR with the assistance of several partner Rotary Clubs.

The next MOC event will be held at the L.L. Bean facility at Wolfe Neck, June 2nd through 4th, with a traditional lobster bake and auction highlighting the culmination of the event. Mark your calendars now, in the event no one else promotes this... **volunteers will be needed.** **PE KRIS ROSADO** (and event chair) shared that the event is now so large, we will be utilizing the biggest barn in Maine to accommodate the crowd, and an expected 45 teams.

PP CY HAGGE asked for donation items for the MOC's live and silent auctions.....looking especially for large "adventure" items, like cabins in the woods, weekend cottages, and such. He is also looking for a shotgun...as an auction item...not that his tenants are in arrears.

PE KRIS also announced the "Sprint for Kids Auction" to benefit the Boys and Girls Club that will be held on Friday, April 4th. For more information, contact him.



Continuing our tradition of recognizing meaningful contributions to our causes by non-members, **PE KRIS** recognized Ed Gosselin with a Paul Harris Award. Ed has been a significant contributor to the MOC event, not only with providing participating teams and contributions, but he was instrumental in helping to arrange L.L. Bean's support of the event.

ROTARIANS WORKING WITH YOUTH

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 01, 2014

On Tuesday, 3/18, **GEORGE CROCKETT**, **BRUCE MOORE** and **JAN CHAPMAN** participated in a 'Take Action' panel at Deering High School. It was a presentation in conjunction with a talk to the school community by Dr. Sima Samar, the head of the Independent Human Rights Commission in Afghanistan. Deering High School has been working to build curriculum around the theme of "Education and Healthcare as Tools for Social Justice" with Dr. Samar's work on behalf of women and children in Afghanistan as an example. Dr. Samar was in Portland to deliver the keynote speech at the Law School's Justice for Women Lecture Series. We were asked to participate on the panel to give examples of what our community is doing to promote social justice both at home and internationally. George told of his experience on Rotary Rotoplast and polio immunization projects. Jan spoke about the 3-H Project (Hearing, Hands and H2O) in the Dominican Republic and Jim and Jan Schmidt from the Portland Sunrise Club told of their recent experience in Kenya with the Crutches 4 Africa program. Bruce encouraged students to 'take action' by participating in a crutch drive for Crutches 4 Africa and consider forming an Interact Club at their school. About 150 students attended and many signed up to learn more about Interact. Bill Nemitz moderated the morning program with Dr. Samar.



Then last Saturday (3/29), **BRUCE MOORE** and **JAN CHAPMAN** attended the New Generations Conference at York High School. Our club invited a group from Deering High School who are interested in learning more about Interact and possibly forming an Interact Club at Deering. Pictured are Bruce, Stavra, teacher Carlos Gomez and Hibaq. Jan and Bruce attended sessions on Interact Club Best Practices, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Fun(d) Raising, International Service Opportunities and Community Service Opportunities among others. It was a great opportunity to learn more about Interact and connect with folks in southern Maine who make Interact happen. Please let **HAROLD CRABILL**, Chair of Youth Services, or us know if you're interested in helping support Deering's interest in Interact.

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE - AMY CHIPMAN, CHAIR

Posted by Amy Chipman on Mar 24, 2014

Two Foundation Grant Management seminars will be held in the next couple of weeks. Rotary International requires all clubs to attend one of these seminars on an annual basis...with two attendees from each club...expecting the Club President, President-elect and Foundation chair to attend, but any and all members are welcome.

The first seminar was held on March 29th.

The second seminar will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, at the Red Cross Chapter in Topsham across from the entrance to Highland Green from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A light meal will be provided at the opening of each with the actual meeting starting 30 minutes later. I, Amy, plan on going to the April 3rd meeting. Would anyone like to join me? If so, please call me on my cell phone at 841-2123 or email me at: achipman@maine.rr.com and I will register you!!

Thank you.
Amy Chipman, Foundation Committee Chair

PREPARING FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 01, 2014

PLEASE READ AND TAKE ACTION....

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.** 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. If you need assistance/instructions or would prefer us to make the changes, please contact Loretta.
2. Committee Preference Sheets. The deadline of March 28th has come and gone. If you "forgot" to send in your committee preferences, **please do so TODAY.** 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 (since last July 1), 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.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 31, 2014

For your viewing, the meeting minutes of the Portland Rotary Club's Board of Directors is posted on our website the month following their approval. Please go to the "Home Page" and click on the "Board Meeting Minutes" in the listing at the left. Please be patient, as the site is still under construction with the uploads.

04/04/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 31, 2014



Invocator: Alan Nye
Program/Presentation Reporter: Garvey MacLean
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bill Blount
Registration: Victor Pizzuto
Meal Ticket Sales: Jake Bourdeau
Greeter: Rich Campbell
Raffle: Glenn Nerbak
Music - Song Leader: Janelle LoSciuto
Music - Piano Player: None
Sgt at Arms - Early: Scott Blakeslee
Sgt at Arms - Late: Peter Ingram

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Mar 31, 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:

Apr. 4 - **The Clarion Hotel**
Apr. 11 - **Holiday Inn By-the-Bay**
Apr. 18 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Apr. 25 - **Cumberland County Civic Center**



May 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
May 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
May 16 - Eastland/Westin - Coincide with District Conference
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 3/31/14)
Posted by William Blount on Mar 31, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014 (updated 3/31/14)

Please be courteous to your fellow players AND be ready to play at 5:30 PM SHARP.
The 4-Way test applies. Embrace it.

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
16	13	19	18	18	12

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