

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Ending Childhood Hunger

Apr 18, 2014
Glenn Nerbak, Director Portland
Mentoring Alliance

May 16, 2014
TBD
District Conference/Portland Rotary
Meeting

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Maine Senate Speaker Justin Alford
The 126th Legislature

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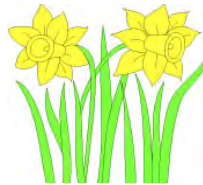
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04/11/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Apr 05, 2014



MEETING FOR FRIDAY 04/11/14

WE ARE AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY



*04/11/14 NO KID HUNGRY/ SHARE OUR STRENGTH

Posted by David Smith on Apr 07, 2014



Our speaker this week is John Woods, CEO of *No Kid Hungry/Share our Strength, Maine (SOS)*. No child in America should grow up hungry, but 20% do. In Maine, the figure is closer to 25%. SOS is a national organization that knits together community groups, activists and food suppliers to bring nutritious food to children where they live, learn or play.

Founded by Bill Shore and his sister, Debbie, in the basement of a row house in Washington, D.C. in 1984, SOS grew quickly. It has developed a four-pronged strategy to reach its ambitious goal. First, it seeks partnerships with cities and states to map out plans to bring food to children in need. Second, it seeks to raise public awareness of the problem. Third, it invests in communities through grants to organizations in those communities who work to provide food for children. Lastly, it seeks to educate both parents and children about ways in which to provide affordable, nutritious meals.

SOS raises funds the old fashioned way, but not just through grants and donations. It runs culinary events, cooking classes, bake sales and dine-outs.....all designed to raise both awareness and money. John is going to tell us how it all works in our state.

John graduated from Boston College in 1991 with a B.S. Degree in Management and Organizational Behavior. He has a long career in management and consulting and has been the Chairman of SOS since 2008.

04/04/14 CASEY AT THE BAT - Mort Soule

Posted by Garvey MacLean on Apr 07, 2014

Last Friday at Rotary, resounded "Play Ball.....," a harbinger of Spring!



The fourth-quarter program committee put out the call for an inspirational speaker and Greg Hansel came through by asking Mort Soule, who gave us a superb performance of Ernest Laurence Thayer's epic poem "Casey at the Bat."

The piece first published in the San Francisco *Examiner* subtitled "A Ballad of the Republic. Sung in the year 1888 "



substituted. A Ballad of the Republic, sung in the year 1888, became a national treasure only after the actor William DeWolfe Harper performed it some 10,000 times.

Mort, dressed in his "Mudville" uniform and Red Sox cap, swinging his favorite Louisville slugger bat, has performed "Casey" only 300 times. One of his performances was made at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. A second memorable performance occurred at Fenway Park on the State-of-Maine day in April 2013.



"It looked extremely rocky for the Mudville nine that day. The score stood 2 to 4 with but one inning left to play"

"Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped. / 'That ain't my style,' said Casey. 'Strike one!' the umpire said."

"'Fraud!' cried the maddening thousands, and the echo answered 'Fraud!' But one scornful look from Casey And the audience was awed."

"Somewhere men are laughing And somewhere children shout, But there is no joy in Mudville- Mighty Casey has struck out."

The Fenway gig proved a challenge for Mort. William DeWolfe Harper could perform the piece in five minutes and forty seconds. Mort's best time is five minutes and fifty seconds. At Fenway Park, the official there gave him only three minutes. Mort's ability to bring the piece in at three minutes points out why he is so effective at "inspiration"! The words are not on a piece of paper.....they are in him. Thank you, Mort, for sharing your love of the game.

Harold Crabill asked, "Why is baseball the national pastime?" Garvey MacLean recommended reading John Sexton's book "*Baseball as a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game.*" (Gotham books, Penguin. New York, NY. 2013.)

04/04/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Apr 07, 2014



Our Rotary meeting convened at the Clarion with **PRESIDENT-ELECT KRIS ROSADO** pinch hitting for **PRESIDENT JOHN**, who was off on a much-needed vacation visiting his family in California. **ALAN NYE** invoked us with Spring quotes from Henry Van Dyke, Mark Twain and Robin Williams. **RUSS BURLEIGH** led us with a patriotic song after the pledge to the flag.

Guests were introduced: **PETER GOFFIN's** guest, Lester Evans, was there for his last free meal before re-joining the Club next week; Barbara Russo, realtor, found us on Facebook. **JIM WILLEY** then lauded Lester's skill as a home

energy consultant.

RUSS led us in song with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," exhorting us to root for the Yankees, but the Red Sox and Sea Dogs fans would not be drowned out. **PETER** reminded us it was opening day for baseball. Will the Sox make it ten wins in a row on opening day?

PP CY HAGGE requested auction items for the Maine Outdoor Challenge.....vacation homes, fishing trips, restaurant gift certificates.....he asked us to be creative!

KRIS mentioned that on Sunday (4/6) our international service contingent was headed to the Dominican Republic for the 3-H project. Good luck folks!

Last call was made for members to let their intentions be known for the District Training

Assembly that will be held on 4/12 at the Westbrook Middle School. The Club will pay for member registrations to spend a half-day to learn more about Rotary, officer responsibilities and what different committees can do. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

The Raffle of \$656 was conducted by **GLENN NERBAK**. Although **PAUL GORE** was in attendance, another usual and customary name was selected, **LORETTA ROWE**. Alas, no Queen was drawn.

AMY CHIPMAN gave us a Rotary Foundation minute. Almost three-quarters of the way through our fiscal year, we are short of our \$15,000 goal. If you are a sustaining member, please get in your pledge and challenge your best friend in Rotary to do the same. Amy then called **ROXANE COLE** to the podium to receive her 4th Paul Harris Award.



PREPARING FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 07, 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. **If you are new to the club (since July 1, 2013), 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.**
3. **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.

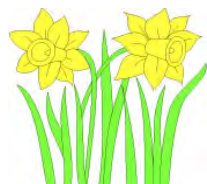
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 07, 2014

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.

04/11/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 07, 2014



Invoker: Dave Small
Program/Presentation Reporter: Julie L'Heureux
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Peter Noyes
Registration: Dave Smith
Meal Ticket Sales: Steve Stromsky
Greeter: Dick Giles
Raffle: Loretta Rowe
Music - Song Leader: Kathy Grammer
Music - Piano Player: Peggy Wescott
Sgt at Arms - Early: Justin LaMontagne
Sgt at Arms - Late: Peter Noyes

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. 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: rowe@maine.rr.com

FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 4/08/14)

Posted by William Blount on Apr 08, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014 (updated 4/8/14)

Races are tightening up. Team 3 (first place) and Team 5 (second place) go head-to-head in week 17 on 4/28/14. The league will be selling tickets for the epic matchup to benefit the 3-H project. The Commissioner (Bill) may cede court one to the 3v5 teams TBD dependent upon spectator attendance.

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
18	13	21	18	20	14

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!