

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Editor David Smith

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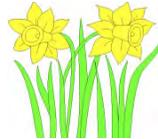
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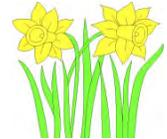
05/02/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Apr 27, 2014



FRIDAY

5/02/14



**WE ARE AT THE
HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY**

*05/02/14 PETER NIELSEN, PRESIDENT, CIRCUS CONSERVATORY OF AMERICA

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 28, 2014



The Circus Conservatory of America (CCA) is forming in Portland, Maine as an institution for higher education with a primary mission to provide the highest caliber artistic education available in the United States to circus artists and to foster sustaining career opportunities for our students.

Peter Nielsen, President of CCA, has more than 25 years of experience in organizational leadership. Through his company, HigherMind Mediaworks, Peter has provided strategic marketing and enrollment management guidance to such institutions as Yestermorrow Design/Build School; created alumni engagement media and online advertising for Champlain College; and consulted on the design of new graduate programs for Goddard College.

Peter served as Vermont College of Fine Arts' Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Enrollment, where he was part of the team that successfully achieved NEASC accreditation for the first new college in Vermont in 25 years. At VCFA, Peter rolled out a new brand for the college, engaged its community with social media,

published an award-winning magazine, and dramatically increased enrollment and revenue while successfully launching two new academic programs.

Peter has also produced theater, music, performance poetry, dance, and visual arts events and festivals throughout New England for more than two decades. Peter's experience innovating academic programming and supporting the arts was especially useful in guiding his son on an educational path to becoming a professional circus performer.

04/25/14 CUMBERLAND COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

Posted by Richard Hall on Apr 28, 2014



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Portland Rotary got to meet at the newly renovated Cumberland County Civic Center this week and we were impressed. We ate at the newly-named Old Port Pavilion over the Cross Insurance Entrance from Spring Street. It is beautiful, with lots of light, convenient facilities and an excellent catered lunch.



President John Marr and Steve Crane

Steve Crane, General Manager of the Civic Center, was our speaker. Here is a mixture of reporting from Steve's comments and the tour.

The Civic Center's \$35-million bond for the renovations was approved by Cumberland County voters and nearly covered the full cost. Steve thinks that the final cost will probably add an additional \$2.5-3 million over that amount, but he did not share where the extra money was found. He did say that every addition was critical to the success of the facility. Steve told us that it was his job to bring the Civic Center to the launchpad and the next manager would launch it into orbit. With the Portland Pirates hockey team coming back, the Civic Center has already gained lift-off.

He talked about the usual requirements of special meals, drinks or accommodations required by the contracts of appearing artists. He also mentioned that one could never be surprised; a recent requirement was that no popcorn would be sold at the Civic Center during a performance by an artist; did you know that when Van Halen performed, they required a supply of yellow M&Ms be provided? Steve did not tell us who had the job of sorting the M&Ms.

Peter Goffin worked for Steve, many, many years ago when Steve was head of security. Peter was known to drive out on the ice at 2 in the morning and also, to conduct his own betting in the high-beer corner. Steve moved up from security to become General Manager. Where did Peter end up when he left his career as a security guard?

During construction there were a number of challenges...the certificate of occupancy was not granted until two days before the first event; a critical gas line, when unearthed, was too small, so the gas company needed to run a new line 1000 feet from Commercial Street, in the middle of December.

The changes to the facility are quite amazing. The seating was an upgrade to the newest Hussey seats, but to save money, they used the original cast iron seat mounts, for the most part. The stage area was pulled back to provide more floor seating and better logistics, with that added benefit of telescopic seating for some events.

The new acrylic floor is beautiful and brings the facility together. The box-seat areas comfortably hold 12 people each, with nice amenities. The Libra Foundation purchased one box-seat area and set it aside for the use of non-profit agencies. Civic Center club members will enjoy special seating and a dedicated bar with improved food choices, all of which create a better experience for all.

The logistics are dramatically better, including better loading docks, stretcher-sized elevators, storage areas for seating, reclaimed storage under the old plaza, relocated operations booth (now back in the corner), a rail-mounted scoreboard, better aisles, better staircases, hand rails for climbing to the higher sections, well planned and accessible first aid areas, and better ice-making equipment. One of the best improvements was that all the external entrance stairs are now located inside....no more shoveling, de-icing and dangerous footing.

The natural light coming from overhead near the ticket booths makes the area friendlier. It can be accessed from the ramp, allowing service to the public, without opening the whole facility, as needed to be done in the past. Most all of the doors in the newly-renovated Civic Center are handicap accessible. Unfortunately, the city did not upgrade its access door to the garage from the Civic Center ramp.

The facilities, including the mens' and ladies' rooms, were put in the corners to pull the crowds out of the aisles. Roberta Wright told us that there are more fixtures in the Pavilion ladies' room than were in the whole Civic Center before the renovations. Now there are five times as many, compared to the past. Special family-friendly rest areas were created, but that is not enough, so they are working to add changing tables to both the ladies' rooms and the mens' rooms.

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Some of the handrails are causing problems with sight lines. To address this, they are recording which seats have obstructed views for which type of events. These seats are sold last, telling customers of the problems before purchase. Where possible, changes are being made to improve the sight lines.

The new renovations prepare the Civic Center for the next 25 years. It is now a showplace to host hockey events, shows, concerts, conferences, graduations and high school basketball. It has been a key fixture of Cumberland County's past and now is poised to be a special place for the County in years to come.

After the presentation, we were treated to tours lead by both Steve and Roberta Wright, Event Services Director.



L - R: Charlie Frair, George Crockett, Jerry Angier, Ron Bennett, Herb Carmichael, Ralph Hendrix, John Houghton, Virginia Putnam, Pat Putnam, Paul Tully, Amy Chipman, Steve Crane (back to), Bowen Depke, Dave Putnam and Bruce Moore

04/25/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by David Smith on Apr 27, 2014

Paul Tully delivered the invocation comparing the Civic Center to Rotary, in that we both provide many services, helping/entertaining a wide variety of people.

Loretta handled the raffle with our guest speaker, Steve Crane, pulling **Mike Fortunato's** name. Alas, **Mike** drew the wrong picture card and we are now looking at a raffle jackpot that would make the 1% envious.

Then **Bill Blount** reminded us of the Salvation Army Camp Sebago clean-up on Saturday, come rain or shine, and then followed up by leading us, acapella, in another try at the song "Smile" from 1910. It was an improvement over the last time, but...we still need to practice...a lot.

President John introduced our non-Rotarian visiting guests, Jerry Andier (Peter Goffin's guest) and Phil Baker (Peggy Wescott's guest).

Amy Chipman, Chair of the Foundation, in an emotional and moving few minutes, presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to **Dave Putnam**, his wife, Pat, and his mother, Virginia. **Dave** and Pat's, acceptance thank-you's, were sincere and touching. Congratulations to **Dave** and his family!



L to R: Virginia Putnam, Pat Putnam, Pres. John, Dave Putnam and Amy Chipman.

As a special note, **Dave** has asked us to publish his thoughts to our Rotary members: "I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude for the Paul Harris Award that I received. It is difficult for me to express my feelings, but please know that Rotary, and the friendships I have found in Rotary, are among the treasures in my life. I thank you all for this award. I will always be thankful for the gift of Rotary in my life."

News from the Dominican Republic 3-H Team

Posted by Janice Chapman on Apr 29, 2014



Young recipient of hearing device, Dr. Roger Fagan, Dr. Liz Fagan and father of youth

The 3-H Team returned on 4/13/14 after another successful week in the Dominican Republic (DR). A record number of patients were fit with hearing aids and 65 families living in the cane fields received biosand water filters, giving them access to clean water.

We trained local Rotarians to fit prosthetic hands and also to train recipients how to use them. The group of DR Rotarians plans to open a physical rehabilitation center soon and the prosthetic hands will fit well with their mission, plus provide sustainability to our hand project.



Recipient of prosthetic hand device, Bruce Moore, Dominican interpreter and local Rotarian



We were excited to see the bus our club and the Singer Island club purchased and delivered put to good use by the vocational school in La Romana. The bus enables many students, including handicapped students, to attend school and learn a trade.



Rob Chatfield demonstrates a water filter processing device. The gentleman next to Rob is the local water promoter in the Dominican batey region and the young woman is the recipient of the water filter.

We look forward to sharing details of the trip with the Club at a future time.



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.

Proposed Member Applications

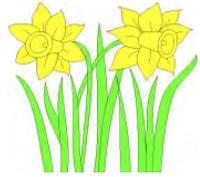
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 22, 2014

We are posting PROPOSED MEMBER APPLICATIONS on our club website. From the home page, there is a list on the left that says "Site Pages." Click on the appropriate title near the bottom of the list. You are encouraged to review the applications and provide any feedback you might want to share about the applicants to the officers/chair indicated on the site.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Loretta at: lrowe@maine.rr.com

05/02/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 28, 2014



Invoker: Peggy Wescott
Program/Presentation Reporter: Gene Story
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Alan Nye
Registration: Phil Everett
Meal Ticket Sales: Emily McEntee
Greeter: Loretta Rowe
Raffle: Suzanne Umland
Music - Song Leader: Meredith Small
Music - Piano Player: Russ Burleigh
Sgt at Arms - Early: Mac Collins
Sgt at Arms - Late: Chase Bowker

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 27, 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:



May 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
May 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
May 16 - Westin Portland Harborview (Eastland) - 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.

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FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 4/28/14)

Posted by William Blount on Apr 28, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014 (updated 4/28/14)

Can anyone stop the Big Ben Machine? Teams 3 and 5 went head-to-head tonight. The Machine grinds on. We have a coronation. Congratulations Ben and company. You can't be beat! Last place is in play next week, our 4 final matches. The end-of-season social event is now scheduled. Save the Date: Date Changed to Thursday May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Erik Jorgensen is hosting again. More to follow.

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 Kay	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	16	21	22	27	18

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!

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