

# The Windjammer

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#### 06/06/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on May 31, 2014

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**FRIDAY, 6/6/14**

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**We are meeting at the**

**CLARION HOTEL**

**1230 Congress Street, Portland**

#### \*06/06/14 JUSTIN ALFOND - A LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

Posted by David Smith on Jun 04, 2014



Our speaker this week will be Justin Alfond, President of the Maine Senate. He represents the 8th District, covering much of Portland. Justin was first elected to the State Senate in 2008 to replace Democrat Ethan Strimling. He was re-elected in 2010 and 2012.

Following his re-election in 2012, he was chosen as Senate President. As such, he is first in line to succeed to the Governor's office in the event of a vacancy. Justin is the second youngest Senate President since 1880, when Joseph A. Locke held the

position at 36 years of age.

He attended schools in Waterville and Dexter prior to attending Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Massachusetts. He graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and majored in business management. He was briefly a professional golfer.

In 2004, he moved to Portland and founded the Maine chapter of the *League of Young Voters*, serving for four years as its Director. He serves on the boards of many organizations, including Avesta Housing, Opportunity Maine, Maine Initiatives, Kennebec Valley Community College, the New England Board of Higher Education and the New England Secondary School Consortium.

He lives in Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood with his wife, Rachael, one son, Jacoby and their dog Tipitina. He is the grandson of businessman Harold Alfond.

**Charlie Frair**

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**Mike Fortunato**

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He will be giving us an overview of the recently completed Maine Legislative session.

**05/30/14 CLUB ASSEMBLY - FOCUS ON A "CAUSE"**

Posted by Jacob Bourdeau on Jun 03, 2014



Led by **Bowen Depke** and **Harold Crabill**, Portland Rotary held a Club Assembly. Supported by a decision of the Board of Directors, a discussion was presented to determine if the membership wanted a

focused "cause," and, if so, what options we might have for one. On the first round of votes taken, the majority of members in attendance approved the idea of a cause, although some of the questions about focusing on a cause included:

- Could we implement a trial period of 3-5 years, in case it didn't work out to our expectations and readjust, if needed?
- Will it affect the international efforts and/or other projects that we presently have in process or support?
- Why do we need a focused cause?

Five different causes were then presented with the proponent of each presenting their reasons for adopting each cause, with time for questions and/or discussion:



- **Mentoring of High School Students** (possibly college students, as well) - presented by **Glenn Nerbak**.



- **Childhood Literacy** - presented by **Laura Young**.



- **Childhood Hunger** - presented by **Bowen Depke**.



- **Disadvantaged Youth** - presented by **Jim Willey**.



- **Revitalization of the Portland Waterfront** - presented by **Al Sargent**.

A vote was subsequently taken on each of the five options and Childhood Hunger received a majority of the votes. However, during the discussion that followed, questions were raised about the melding of two or three initiatives into a single cause...a crossover of efforts for similar projects. There was also some confusion as to whether or not a singly-focused cause would eliminate our work in other areas, such as the Long Creek Youth Center. It was explained that we would not abandon our current projects, but our "cause" focus would be in addition to what we already support; the new focus would give us more direction and enhance our position and understanding in the community.

The upshot of it all was a directive to send the results/discussion to the Club Board to sort out the various issues and questions that were raised and return to the Club with more clarity. And even if clarity was not always present on Friday, civility, charm and humor were with us.

**MC Harold Crabill** fielding questions and wrapping up the meeting.



What became apparent through this exercise is that the Club acted like a House of Representatives and will be moving forward to bring more information to the members before a final decision is made.

Stay tuned.....

#### 05/30/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Richard Hall on Jun 03, 2014

**President John** started the meeting telling us we had a full agenda and we would have a working lunch. (This later proved to be quite true.)

He also talked about the importance of the *Maine Outdoor Challenge* coming up June 2-4 and extended appreciation for all who volunteered. He also

encouraged members to attend the lobster bake on Wednesday evening. Tickets were available through **Loretta**, with the deadline for registering at the close of our meeting.

**Dick Giles** handled the raffle drawing and offered **Harry Sawyer** the chance to pick the winning ticket. After much confusion over the name on the ticket (that took five members to try and decipher), the ticket drawn was declared illegible. At that point, **Mike Fortunato** claimed it was his name on the ticket. As the past Postmaster of the Portland Post Office, he claims he can read any handwriting...even if he can't write legibly. He was not lucky enough to pull the correct card from the deck to the jeers/cheers from the members.

**President-elect Kris Rosado** and **Harold Crabill's** company donated a 21-person suite at a Sea Dogs baseball game for an auction...valued at \$420. There were two days available for bidding, but only one caught the attention of the members....June 3rd....which fetched a purchase of \$200 from **Matt Tasse**y. **Kris** went on to say that the \$200 would be used to match four people to become a new sustaining Paul Harris Fellow. Not one new sustaining member popped up, BUT four existing sustaining members decided to make an extra sustaining contribution to the Foundation this year at \$50 each. Thanks **Kris** and **Harold!**

**President John** then turned the meeting over to **2nd Vice-president Bowen Depke** to lead the Club Assembly.

#### Helping One Kid at a Time to Succeed!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 02, 2014



Back in 2009, Kimara Nazumbona was a junior at Portland High School and a refugee from Congo. He applied for and was granted monies from the Portland Rotary Club to support his college expenses. He received a full scholarship from Colby College under our mentoring and here he is four years later graduating from same. The Portland Rotary Club changed his life.

(He is pictured here with his mentor, Jack Carr, Past President and member of Portland Rotary.)

#### WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 02, 2014



We wanted to welcome our littlest Rotary-family baby into the world:

William Marc Lamontagne!

Born to Justin Lamontagne (member) and his wife, Marce, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 3:04 p.m., William weighed in at 8lbs, 7oz and is 22 inches tall/long. Baby and mom are doing great! Big sister, Katherine Celina, is helping mommy to care for him and bursting with pride papa is all smiles.

Congratulations to all!

#### WINTER/SPRING 2014 TENNIS LEAGUE WINNERS!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 02, 2014



The winning team of the Rotary Doubles Tennis League Winter-Spring 2014 was Team #5: **Ben Lowry, Fred Thompson** (Past President of Portland Rotary), **Amy Chipman** and **Erik Jorgensen**.

**Congratulations!**

Order in photo (from bottom left): Erik Jorgensen, Amy Chipman, Fred Thompson, and "proxy for Ben Lowry".... Bill Blount?

#### 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.

#### 06/06/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 02, 2014

Image **Invoker:** Garvey McLean  
**Program/Presentation Reporter:** Gene Story  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Dick Hall  
**Registration:** Scott Blakeslee  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Steve Ditmer  
**Greeter:** Dave Smith  
**Raffle:** Steve Stromsky  
**Music - Song Leader:** Meredith Small  
**Music - Piano Player:** None  
**Sgt at Arms - Early:** Justin Lamontagne  
**Sgt at Arms - Late:** Chase Bowker

#### 2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on May 31, 2014

If you would like to mark your calendars for our 'On-The-Road' locations that are coming up for

the rest of this Rotary year, here is where our meetings will be held:

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](mailto:lrowe@maine.rr.com)

**MISSED A PROGRAM?**

Posted by David Smith on May 12, 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!