

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!

Editor David Smith

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

Speakers

Jun 27, 2014

President John Marr
A Wonderful Rotary Year 2013-14!

Jul 04, 2014

No Meeting
Happy Fourth of July!

Jul 11, 2014

Gordon H. Smith, Esq., Maine Medical Association
The Healthcare Landscape in Maine

Jul 18, 2014

Maine Port Authority

Aug 08, 2014

District Governor Lawrence Furbish

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Stories

06/27/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Jun 22, 2014



FRIDAY, 6/27/14

**We are meeting at the
CLARION HOTEL**

1230 Congress Street



*06/27/14 PRESIDENT JOHN MARR'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 22, 2014

As our Rotary year 2013-2014 comes to an end this Friday, our featured speaker will be **President John Marr**, who will provide us with an overview of what has transpired during his term.

On July 12, 2013 **President John** came to the helm of our club, as he stated, "at a propitious moment, observing that Portland Rotary will soon celebrate a full century as one of the State's foremost service organizations, with a rich history of helping the needy and underserved in a manner that few organizations can duplicate." Back then he indicated that his theme would be helping youth, through both nutrition and education. Apparently, as our members voted at our Club Assembly on May 30th, we will continue to focus our attention on this theme.

Now as this year comes to a close, he will reflect on the roads we have traveled and the wonderful projects/events we have accomplished, as we head towards our centennial celebration.

Please join us at Friday's meeting to hear the fantastic things our club has accomplished and to wish **John** a fond farewell.

06/20/14 3-H PROJECT – HEARING, HANDS AND H2O – PORTLAND ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Posted by Toby Cook on Jun 23, 2014

In April 2014, fifteen Rotarians and volunteers went to the Dominican Republic to continue the good work of providing hearing aids to people in need, as well as prosthetic hands to folks that have lost theirs to violence or accidents. In addition, the group provides water filters to remote villages that are in desperate need of clean drinking water.

Sergeant-at-Arms
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fitting for hearing aids, but there is also speech therapy and follow up to be done with each of these patients.

In 2011 the club started providing prosthetic hands. **John Curran** has taken leadership of this project. It is amazing to see how our efforts are giving these people back limited use of their arms and what it does to restore their ability to function. This year there was an outreach to other Rotary clubs in that area of the Dominican Republic, to find and bring forward those with particular needs. It wasn't as successful as **John** had hoped, so the plan is to go back to what has worked in the past....which is setting up shop at the hospital and getting the word out for those that are able to come to the hospital/clinic.



Dick Giles spoke to us about the H₂O project and how it has changed over the last ten years since it was started. The new water filters are much less cumbersome, lighter in weight and more efficient. In the last two years, this group has installed about 150 filters. **Dick** believes that each filter has a direct effect on 5-6 people in terms of improving the quality of their lives. If you

do the math, that is 750-900 people that now have clean, safe drinking water. In reality it may be more, because many of those households have begun sharing their good fortune with their friends and neighbors.

The next trip for the 3-H Team is scheduled for February 16, 2015. They still need an additional eight people to volunteer. There are many ways to help with 3-H projects, including securing or obtaining supplies, financial support, fund raising and promoting participation to other clubs, as **Dick Giles** has done with his connection to the Palm Beach Rotary Club.

The 3-H Team's efforts are extremely impressive and we are proud to be associated with all the folks involved. Well done, Rotarians and volunteers!

If you would like more information or want to become involved, please contact **John Curran**, Incoming Chair of the International Service Committee at: curraj1@mmc.org



Our 3-H Team: Jan Chapman, Dr. Liz Fagan, George Crockett (in back), Dick Giles, Dr. Roger Fagan, John Curran, Bruce Moore and Carolyn Brilliner (Rotary Club of Brunswick)

06/20/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Jun 23, 2014

At the Holiday Inn By-the-Bay, **President John**, on the first day of summer and his second-to-last meeting as our fearless leader, called upon **Russ Burleigh** for the invocation. **Russ** prefaced a poem with a biography of its author Paul Laurence Dunbar. The poem was fitting "A Boy's Son of Summer" (Google it)! A good read by **Russ** and well received by those in attendance. **Jan Chapman** led us in the pledge, followed by *America the Beautiful*, expertly played by pianist **Kathy Grammer** in her favorite soprano key.

President John reconvened the meeting after our repast, exhorting us to drink, not at the Holiday Inn or necessarily potent potables at home, but beverages in returnable containers, placed in special "KLINK" bags that are available at each meeting. **George Crockett** seconded the motion. Proceeds from the empty returnables go towards the charitable fund of our Club.

President-elect Kris Rosado came to the podium with great news on preliminary indicators for the results of the fundraising efforts at the *Maine Outdoor Challenge*:

Funds raised:
 2012 - \$27,000
 2013 - 43,000
 2014 - 50,000 !!!

A rousing applause followed and congratulations were extended to all of the participants in Portland Rotary's biggest fundraiser.

2nd Vice President Bowen Depke then announced that he was going to bring the unanimous decision made at the Club Assembly on May 30th to the Board of Directors meeting that would follow today's meeting: namely, that we would focus 80% of our efforts on childhood hunger and education over the foreseeable future. We would not abandon our regular projects and events, just include this new cause.



Jon Young conducted the weekly raffle drawing, which was at a healthy pot of \$925. In lieu of an outside speaker (who would normally pull the name out of the pot), **President John** was asked to draw the name. Rumor has it that a certain member purchases more than one ticket each week hoping to get a chance at the winnings and....lo n' behold....whose name should get pulled, but (drum roll please).....**Loretta's!** And out of 22 cards, guess which one she found....you got it....**THE QUEEN OF HEARTS!** Does she LOOK a little

happy? I think all three people at the podium were shell shocked! Back to square one and a new deck of cards next week.

Amy Chipman took to the podium to introduce **Jack Carr**, who had earned another Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) and chose to bestow **George Crockett** with the award. **George** has multiple PHF distinctions for all that he has done for Rotary and the world.

(Jack Carr, George Crockett and Amy Chipman)



As is customary, Rotary International also awards a PHF to the person who awards a PHF to another, so Amy presented **Jack** with his own PHF award, making him a multiple PHF!

(Jack Carr and Amy Chipman)

President John started to read off a list of visiting Rotarians and guests, FROM LAST WEEK'S SIGN-IN SHEET! Elise wouldn't let him bask in his self-deprecating glow and acknowledged fault with the actual list of this week's guests and visiting Rotarians.

(Elise Hodgkin and President John Marr)

We sang "*All Hail to Rotary*" with **Kathy Grammer** leading us and **Russ Burleigh** on the piano keys, followed by our 3-H Team's presentation of their projects in the Dominican Republic.



06/27/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 22, 2014



Invocator: Carl Spang
Program/Presentation Reporter: Bob Martin
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Alan Nye
Registration: Jake Bourdeau
Meal Ticket Sales: Justin Lamontagne
Greeter: Victor Pizzuto
Raffle: Rich Campbell
Music - Song Leader: Bill Blount
Music - Piano Player: None
Sgt at Arms - Early: Mac Collins
Sgt at Arms - Late: Bruce Moore

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 22, 2014

Only 2 meetings to go in the 2013-14 Rotary year.

If you would like to mark your calendars for where our meetings will be held:

Jun 27 - **The Clarion Hotel**

NO MEETING ON JULY 4TH - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

WE WILL BE BACK AT THE HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY ON JULY 11 FOR PRESIDENT JOHN'S FAREWELL ADDRESS!



Any questions, please contact Loretta at: lrowe@maine.rr.com

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 16, 2014

The meeting minutes of the Portland Rotary Club's Board of Directors will be 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.

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!

Loretta's Commitments

