

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

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

Jul 25, 2014

Mark Amundson, CEO, Nova Star Ferry Service Connecting Portland to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Aug 01, 2014

WinXnet

Aug 08, 2014

District Governor Lawrence Furbish

Aug 22, 2014

Eileen Skinner, Mercy/Michelle Hood, Eastern ME He

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First Vice President
Kris Rosado

Second Vice President
Bowen Depke

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Scott Blakeslee

Executive Secretary
Loretta Rowe

Imm. Past President/Director 2013-14
Cyrus Hagge

Administrative Coordinator
Elise Hodgkin

Club Protection Officer
Kath Grammer

Stories

07/04/14 NO MEETING

Posted by David Smith on Jun 28, 2014



**FRIDAY,
7/4/14**

NO MEETING

**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY!**



06/27/14 President John Marr's Farewell Address

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 01, 2014

In his closing remarks for 2013-14, President John gave us a recitation as follows:



SAY GOODNIGHT GRACIE!

Too soon this splendid chapter will come to an end,
And to the surprise of many, I've still a friend.
But, that's the reason I have Soleil, my dog,
She loves me even if I preach in a fog.

A year has passed and for some it's been too long,
But for me, in retrospect, it's been too short a song.
As Willey said, never miss this life altering chance,
For it's your moment to do Rotary's big dance.

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When I began the journey, I was a bit of a mess,
Yet I was able to recover without too much stress.
It's been a dizzying dance and so much fun,
That I lament that the year long few minutes is all done.

At the beginning I said, my style's to get out of the way
And, I held firm, and opened the door to perfect feng shui,
We had a couple of Paul Harris Fellows to help us begin,
And in the end it proved to be a consistently refreshing wind!

The programs, per usual, where nothing but superb,
With all being equally memorable with plenty of verve,
That made the Windjammers' job almost look to easy,
But those of us who read it or did it know it's not breezy!

Community Service is what Rotary is all about,
So we provided food and clothes aplenty, throughout,
And never stopped searching for the next place to focus,
Because we know for certain it's never all about us.

While we may not ever be even remotely self-possessed
You can be sure that proof of fun fellowship will never rest.
Ball games, card games, wine nights and auctions, all great fun
But rest assured your future is abundant and it's all just begun.

Think back to late last summer when to SoPo we did travel.
To help the 3-H project stay strong and never unravel,
We ate, we danced, we listened to Dominican music..
All to help our South American neighbor when they got sick.

We came back home and continued to take care of our own,
With Youth Services proving that their needs are so well known,
Our kids at Long Creek were recognized and will be remembered forever,
While Youth Service Awards were granted to 7 kids so giving and clever.

We've done the Outdoor Challenge, and mixed club events galore
But, that's not concluded our need to reach out and look for more
Your future is well guided and there will be good deeds in abundance
As the Rotary Club of Portland maintains it's most prominent stance.

With that as the foundation, I will step aside, but not out of the picture,
Because like it or not Rotary for me has become somewhat a fixture,
Being granted the privilege of the president's mantel, has left me proud
And, I will forever cherish the time and note it with a voice strong and loud.

So, now lets dim the houselights and channel George Burns
And hear him tell me, "Say Goodnight, Gracie" see, I've learned!



As we close the 2013-14 Rotary year, the official changing-of-the-guard ritual happened with the exchange of a Past-President's pin for **John Marr** and a President's pin for incoming President **Kris Rosado**

....and a shared hug!



We should all thank John for a job well done!



President John Marr and President-elect Kris Rosado

06/27/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Jacob Bourdeau on Jul 01, 2014

On the last official day of his term, **President John** started the meeting by calling on **Carl Spang** to give the invocation. **Carl** reminded us of Nelson Mandela's contribution to mankind and his use of education as a tool for good.

Following the invocation, **President John** called upon **Harry Sawyer** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich Campbell led the raffle for a chance to win the potential \$200 bounty. **Roxane Cole's** name was selected to find the Queen of Hearts, but she drew a crazy eight.....letting the pot grow.



Amy



Chipman gave the Foundation report. As a club, we had set a goal of raising \$15,000 this fiscal year, but came up short by only a few hundred dollars. About 60 of our members have contributed to the Foundation. We have 11 new sustaining members to add to our growing list and 21 new Paul Harris Fellows. **Amy** then awarded two Paul Harris Fellows, one to **Past President Cyrus Hagge** (his fourth) and one to retiring **President John** (his second).



Congratulations to both!!!

Incoming President Kris Rosado announced that the *Maine Outdoor Challenge* had made \$51,566 to be split between The Boys and Girls Club of Southern Maine and Portland Rotary. Fantastic job!

George Crockett was thanked for having obtained a donation from a local company of 300 pairs of flip-

flops to be distributed to the immigrants in Portland.

Larry Gross, on behalf of the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, received a check for \$3000 from the Community Service Committee, to be put toward the construction of SMAAA's Adult Day Care Center in Falmouth.

Then it was time for a song and **Bill Blount** led us in a truly warm rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*, honoring retiring **President John**.

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 30, 2014

The start of a NEW Rotary year....2014-15.

If you would like to mark your calendars for where our meetings will be held, we are at the following locations through Dec. 26, 2014:

NO MEETING ON JULY 4TH - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Jul 11 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Jul 18 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Jul 25 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Aug 1 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Aug 8 - **The Clarion**
Aug 15- Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Aug 22- Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Aug 29- **Hadlock Field**

Sep 5 - **The Clarion**
Sep 12 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Sep 19 - The Clarion
Sep 26 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Oct 3 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Oct 10 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Oct 17 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Oct 24 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Oct 31 - The Clarion

Nov 7 - **The Clarion**
Nov 14 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Nov 21 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Nov 28 - NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 5 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Dec 12 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Dec 19 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Dec 26 - NO MEETING - Happy Holidays

Dates that are in **bold** are scheduled Board of Directors' meeting days.

Any questions, please contact Loretta
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[Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jun 30, 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 Jun 30, 2014



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<http://ctn5.org/shows/rotary-club-speakers-series>

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Loretta's Commitments

Current Club Committees

Committee	Role
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS	Member