

# The Windjammer

## News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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*Editor David Smith*

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

### Speakers

Jul 25, 2014

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

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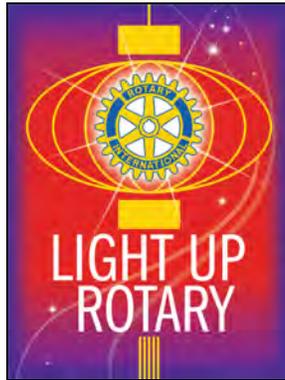
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**Julie L'Heureux**

### Stories

#### **07/25/14 MEETING LOCATION**

Posted by David Smith on Jul 12, 2014



**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014**

**WE ARE MEETING AT THE**

**HOLIDAY INN BY-THE -BAY**

#### **\*07/25/14 THE NOVA STAR - Mark Amundsen**

Posted by Ben Lowry on Jul 20, 2014



This Friday, we will hear about one of the most anticipated events on Portland's waterfront in years: the new Nova Star cruise ship that operates

between Portland and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Reflections on the trials and tribulations the liner has faced thus far will be shared by the line's President and CEO, Mark Amundsen.

Amundsen had been working for two years to broker the deal that concluded last Nov. 12th, when the province of Nova Scotia signed an agreement with his company, Quest Navigation, and ST Marine Ltd., the Singapore-based company that owns the cruise ship. Nova Star Cruises, as the ferry service is called, has restored a link between Maine and Nova Scotia, last provided by the Scotia Prince, which ended its run in 2004, followed by the short-lived "Cat", a high-speed catamaran which ended its run



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in 2009.

The Nova Star is a different animal than its predecessors. It is 580 feet long, can carry 1,215 passengers and up to 336 cars, has 162 cabins, a casino, three restaurants, three bars, a conference center/theater, a spa, a fitness center, an art gallery and a duty-free shop. It is truly a “cruise ship” and not a “ferry.”

In deciding to bring ferry service back to Portland, Amundsen gathered data for both the Scotia Prince and The Cat in an effort to determine why they had failed. In 2003, when The Cat was traveling from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth from 2006-2009, then it added Portland as a stop and the Scotia Prince made the trip from Portland, together they carried 300,000 passengers. By 2009, when The Cat stopped service, it was down to 76,000 passengers annually. Unlike the Scotia Prince, The Cat had no cabin space and only offered tight airplane-style seating for the five-hour trip. Amundsen determined a cruise-type ship was necessary. He found that ship in Singapore, built to be a ferry across the English Channel. When the French builder terminated its contract due to delays, Quest Navigation took over, entering into a \$160-million joint venture with ST Marine to operate the ferry service. Quest will lease the ship for seven years, and after that has the option to purchase the ship outright.

Even with the Province of Nova Scotia providing Nova Star Cruises \$21 million of financial support — \$10.5 million in start-up costs and \$1.5 million a year for seven years for marketing—the spring and summer of 2014 have started off slowly, as frequently reported in the local news. Join us as Mark Amundsen fills us in on the details.

### 07/18/14 The State of Shipping in Maine

Posted by Ben Lowry on Jul 19, 2014

Last Friday, we listened to a fascinating talk by Patrick Arnold, an 11th-generation Mainer, who is the president of Soli DG, Inc., the company that he founded in 2007. Since that time, this intermodal guru has worked with state and local authorities in “cross pollinating” the methods by which goods, services and even people are transported by rail, land and sea, with his focus on the latter.

Mr. Arnold compared transportation to the human body...we all have arms, legs, a head and a brain, but if there is a critical failure within the veins or nerve fibers, these most obvious systems fail. Likewise, in intermodal commerce, once “cost mapping” data is inputted, the system can only survive if the transportation logistics are relied upon. With the green technology and savings offered using sea transport of goods, combined with the established methods of road and rail, millions of dollars in savings can be quickly gleaned. The reason older U.S. cities contain ports is for this very reason, Arnold stated. Water provides methods of access which have become secondary to our nation over the past century. With the mantra of providing “progressive, intellectual and sustainable” transportation methods, Soli DG has quickly become a leader of port and intermodal management both in Maine and throughout the Northeast.

When something great happens, like when Loretta Rowe wins the raffle, we all say, “her ship has come in!” This classic refrain refers to the joy of receiving letters, mail, or a loved one through aquatic delivery. The most significant aspects of humanity always arrived via ship, Arnold noted in his remarks. And that is for good reason. And that is why he has devoted his career to using the ports in our region to their fullest potential.



Jerry Angier, President Kris Rosado, PP Roxane Cole, and Patrick Arnold

#### 07/18/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Robert Martin on Jul 20, 2014

We had a big group of guests with Ralph Rousseau's contingent, and Kirk Duffy (deemed our "honorary member") is visiting us from his southern climes to enjoy Maine's summer weather.

**Bill Blount** led us in singing "Rotary, My Rotary" in his usual cheerful manner.

**President Kris** shared letters of thanks from two organizations we have supported: the *Friends of Long Creek* thanked the club for our \$2,000 gift, which will help with athletics, music, tuition, and resettlement costs; the *Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging* sent thanks for our contribution of \$3,000 for their "Campaign for A Better Day," which will support the creation of their new center in Falmouth.

**Loretta Rowe** conducted the raffle, with **President Kris's** name being drawn by the speaker. He managed to select the seven of Clubs, a forecast that was called in from the floor by **Rob Chatfield** before the card was drawn.



**Loretta** then introduced **Anne Fisher** as a new member of the Portland Rotary club. **Anne** has come to us as a transferring Rotarian from the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, as she wanted to belong to a club that was closer to home and work. She was very active as a community volunteer throughout her childrens' growing years and in her previous Rotary club, so we know she will be

a welcome addition to our club. She is personable and a very nice lady. Please be sure to reach out to her when you see her at our meetings.

**Ralph Rousseau**, of MEMIC, a familiar and welcome guest, who received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from **Past President John Marr** on the occasion of **John's** first meeting as our Club President, came forward to reciprocate and award John a Paul Harris Fellow Award. While we all know many things

about our Past President, Ralph provided new insight from the perspective of those who work with him. "John is the fellow who always has a birthday card and message for everyone," Ralph said. "We call them self-esteem boosters." On the occasion of a newborn child, he said, "Because of his love of reading, parents receive a book." These were just indications, Ralph shared, of John's outlook on life and people.



He pointed to the words of Paul Harris as an example of how John lives:

"If Rotary has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men; if Rotary has taught us greater tolerance and the desire to see the best in others; if Rotary has brought us pleasant and helpful contacts with others who also are trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life, then Rotary has brought us all that we can expect."

**President Kris** reminded us of the "Feeding of Minds and Bodies" project, encouraging volunteers to connect with Laura Young.

#### Crutches4Africa

Posted by Janice Chapman on Jul 21, 2014

## Crutches (and MORE) Needed!!



The International Service Committee is still collecting crutches, canes, wheel chairs and walkers for the **Crutches4Africa** program! Please contact Jan Chapman or Bruce Moore (chapmoore@myfairpoint.net), if you come across any mobility devices in your garage or basement you'd like to donate and we'll arrange to get them from you!.

Thanks so much!

#### 07/25/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 21, 2014



**Invoker:** Peggy Wescott  
**Program/Speaker Reporter:** Julie L'Heureux  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Dick Hall  
**Registration:** Christine Force  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Dick Giles  
**Greeter:** Alex St. Hilaire  
**Raffle:** Tom Nickerson  
**Music - Song Leader:** Alan Nye  
**Music - Piano Player:** Kathy Grammer

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 21, 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 the end of the year:

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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**For a Laugh**

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 22, 2014



**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



You can watch our recent Portland Rotary Club speakers on the Community Television Network website:

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

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**Current Club Committees**

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