

# 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

Aug 08, 2014

District Governor Lawrence Furbish  
The State of the District

Aug 15, 2014

John Dorrer - Senior Consultant at  
Georgetown Univ  
Skills of the Workforce and Maine's  
Economic Future

Aug 22, 2014

Eileen Skinner, Mercy/Michelle Hood,  
EMH  
What's Happening in Healthcare!

Aug 29, 2014

Portland Seadogs  
What It's Like to be a Player!

Sep 05, 2014

Gerard Cassidy  
Comprehensive View and Outlook for the  
Banking Industry

Sep 12, 2014

Theo Kalikow, President USM  
Community Engagement: Public Higher  
Education - "What's In It For Me?"

Sep 19, 2014

Profession Charles Norchi, USM  
Afghanistan

Sep 26, 2014

Nan Heald, Pine Tree Legal  
Pine Tree Legal's History and Present

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### Club Executives

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Second Vice President

**Laura Young**

First Vice President

**Bowen Depke**

Treasurer

**Scott Blakeslee**

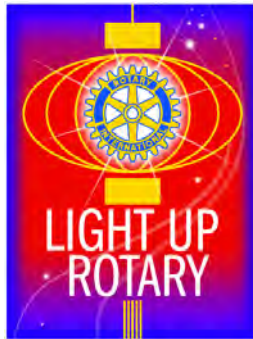
Executive Secretary

**Loretta Rowe**

### Stories

#### 08/01/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 28, 2014



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014**  
**WE ARE MEETING AT THE**  
**HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY**

#### \*08/01/14 THE WINXNET STORY - CHRISTOPHER CLAUDIO

Posted by David Putnam on Jul 27, 2014



As Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Winxnet, Chris is primarily responsible for corporate direction, business development and sales. Chris' vision for Winxnet was to assemble a team which shared his values of customer service and integrity. He has instilled in the culture of the company his initial vision of "do the right thing" by the customer, and the rest will follow.

The use of smartphones, tablet computers and laptops has become an integral part of our lives, and virtually all organizations depend on electronic transmission of data to carry out their functions and tasks. Management of the electronic flow of data has become a huge industry throughout the world. On Friday, Chris Claudio the CEO for Winxnet will speak to us about the challenges of managing and maintaining a secure and effective system for an organization's data operations.

Winxnet is an IT outsourcing and consulting firm which is headquartered in Portland and has offices in New England and the Southeast. Clients for Winxnet include organizations from the public sector, non-profits, healthcare and corporate entities. Primary services offered to clients focus on the efficient management of data in a cost-effective and low-risk manner. In 2013, the company was named by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest growing businesses and, in the past year, Winxnet has experienced both organic growth and growth due to acquisitions.

As a student at the University of Maryland, Chris started his first venture

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supporting corporate networks and developing database-driven web applications. In addition to managing his first startup, Chris joined The Laser Center where he designed and implemented a network connecting more than 30 locations in the US and Canada. Chris then joined Computer Sciences Corporation in Bath, ME where he designed and implemented a complete multiple domain environment supporting more than 2,500 users worldwide while also providing technical guidance to the onsite support team at Bath Iron Works.

During his early career as both an entrepreneur and a senior technical consultant, he recognized the need for sound business process and governance to be applied to technology. Chris continues his work with clients today focusing on IT governance and organizational improvement in addition to demanding a return on investment (ROI) for IT expenditures.

Chris is passionate about serving his community. He serves on the Board of Trustees for Maine Medical Center (MMC) and is a Board member and committee chair for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine. Chris also enjoys spending time with his family and either boating or fishing along the coast of Maine. He is an avid sports fan, running in local road races in addition to skiing, playing football and basketball as often as possible.

Chris lives in Yarmouth with his wife, Alyson and their two children, Emerson and Dalton.

### 07/25/14 Nova Star Cruises - Mark Amundsen

Posted by Juliana L'Heureux on Jul 29, 2014



Nova Star Cruises, Ltd., President and CEO Mark H. Amundsen presented an overview of the modern ferry service launched in May 2012, between Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. It's the first ferry service between Maine and Nova Scotia, since 2009, when the CAT stopped service.

Nova Star is a brand new 538-foot (161 meters) cruise ship built by ST Marine in Singapore at a cost of \$165 million. A helicopter landing pad is located on the top deck. At this time, the ship is leased for 7 years with an option to buy.

Amundsen described the 10-hour cruise as a fun experience. Activities aboard the new state of the art ship include live entertainment, casino gaming, a Nova Spa, four restaurants, children's activities, live entertainment, an art gallery, a pub with 107 seats designed with windows and a duty-free goods retail store. Private cabins with ocean views or standard without ocean views are available. All cabins sleep four and have an in-room bathroom with a shower. Wi-Fi is available on board the ship. Drive your own car, camper, motorcycle or recreational vehicle onto the Nova Star to drive upon arrival in Nova Scotia.

Nova Star offers pet-friendly travel as well. Dogs and cats are welcome aboard, check the website for details. Cabin stewards receive positive feedback. An onboard conference facility is built on the ship, allowing for the possibility of one-day retreats. Amenities offered support the theme of "Your vacation begins when you step aboard!"

Marketing goals include attracting one-third of the passengers from the Boston market. Repeat travelers are desirable customers. A ratio of passengers is

projected at 75 percent US and 25 percent Nova Scotia. Ferry customers were estimated to contribute \$60 million to the Portland economy every year, based upon data from when passenger service was available.

A business plan was presented to Nova Scotia; it was a competitive plan with research including finding a ship capable of fitting into Yarmouth NS, and Portland, that could carry people and cargo. Transporting trucks are revenue opportunities for Nova Star, because the 10-hour transport provides the drivers with rest time. The ship can accommodate 70 tractor trailers. Revenue from passengers and trucking were built into the business plan.

Round trip cost for two adults in one cabin with car is \$700. Children under 18-years old are free (limited to a maximum of 3 children).

Nova Star departs Portland at 9 PM seven days a week with return crossing the next day.

Passengers who disembark in Nova Scotia can stay for their vacation, with return reservations booked in advance.

June was colder than anticipated causing a low-volume passenger month. Moreover, hurricane Arthur arrived on July 4, which caused canceled reservations. Fortunately, by the middle of July all cabins were sold and the business model is now coming back. An off-season plan is anticipated in the Caribbean.

For more information contact: [novastarcruises.com](http://novastarcruises.com) or call 1-844-686-7245.

Rotarian Joe Gray,  
Mark Amundsen's assistant  
and Mark Amundsen.



#### 07/25/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Richard Hall on Jul 26, 2014



**Bowen Depke, 1st Vice-president**, opened the meeting with the sad news that **President Kris** had given up after chairing only two meetings. Luckily, he was only kidding. **President Kris** was, in fact, vacationing in Cape Cod.

**Tom Nickerson**, recently returned to our club, gave an excellent invocation, quoting Henry David Thoreau.

**Janelle LoSciuto** and **Russ Burleigh** led us in a rousing "God Bless America." It is amazing how good the club sounds singing old favorites. **Bowen** announced that **Kathy Grammer** was away at the funeral of

her father. He asked for kind thoughts and prayers.

**Juliana L'Heureux** was passing around a copy of the Centerville Rotary Club annual report. Her son is a member of that club, and **Juliana** thinks Portland Rotary should publish a report as part of our 100% anniversary. This is a very impressive publication, but would be made far more impressive with Portland Rotary accomplishments.

**Don Lowry** had his name pulled in the raffle ticket draw for a possible \$300 windfall....but he did not find the Queen of Hearts....too bad, Don!

**Janelle** was then back on deck, leading us in "*My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*" in honor of our speaker.

**Bowen** told us that **Bob Patten** is recovering from a broken hip. **Bowen** visited Bob, who hopes to get out of the rehab center next week.

Portland Rotary has begun its involvement with *Feeding Bodies and Minds*, reading to children during their lunch at two sites, twice a week at each. This involves about one hour of reading to kids, plus your travel time. If you are interested in joining, contact Laura Young at [lyoung@mainecf.org](mailto:lyoung@mainecf.org).

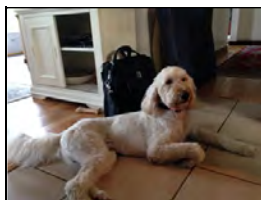
**Gus Karlsen** has returned to Portland and to us. He noticed there has been no mention, yet, of the MS Regatta which takes place Aug 15, 16, 17th. Today, he was planting the seed for Club support to defend our title.

**John Curran** announced a meeting of the International Service Committee today, after our regular meeting. He invited anyone interested in the Dominican Republic projects (3-H) to attend.

**Russ** announced that he is again collecting 100% wool yarn for the *Mittens-for-Kids* project. Any yarn donated, or dollars contributed to pay for purchased yarn, will be turned over to his wife, Joan, who will knit the mittens to be donated. Contact **Russ** if you would like to make a donation.



**Janelle** and her partner have started Southern ME Performing Arts Collaboration, which provides professional mentors to kids. They will be having performances and the proceeds will be donated to arts programs in the schools. Good luck!!



**Rebecca Wright** and her fiance, former Rotarian John Yohe, have a new Golden Doodle named Barney and will soon start teaching him the Mexican Hat Dance. John and Barney plan to make another video. If you have never seen the video on "You Tube" of John and his dog, Dominic, **Bill Blount** or **Dick Hall** can send you the link.

Finally, in seeking to close the meeting, **Bowen** could not find the gavel. If you "borrowed" it, please bring it back, as it is a relic. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the next meeting.

#### [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!

#### 08/01/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 28, 2014



**Invocator:** Peggy (Queenie) Wescott  
**Program/Speaker Reporter:** Bill Blount  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Garvey MacLean  
**Registration:** Loretta Rowe  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Bob Martin  
**Greeter:** Emily McEntee  
**Raffle:** Loretta Rowe  
**Music - Song Leader:** Amy Chipman  
**Music - Piano Player:** Russ Burleigh  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Early:** Charlie Frair  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Late:** Matt Tassey

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Jul 29, 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:

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

#### **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>

You can always find the link on the Portland Rotary Home Page!

#### **Loretta's Commitments**

##### **Duty Roster**

##### **Responsibility**

Registration

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##### **Current Club Committees**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Role</b>
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