

# 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.*

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Gerard Cassidy  
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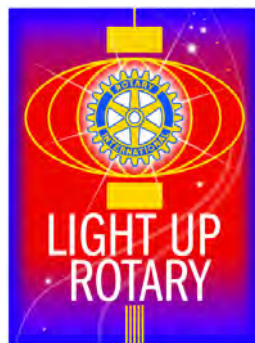
Executive Secretary

**Loretta Rowe**

### Stories

#### 08/08/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Aug 02, 2014



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014**  
**WE ARE MEETING AT THE**  
**CLARION HOTEL**  
**1230 CONGRESS STREET**

#### \*08/08/14 DISTRICT GOVERNOR LAWRENCE FURBISH

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 02, 2014



We will have the honor of a special visit from our **District Governor Lawrence Furbish** this Friday.

Lawrence was born and grew up in Sanford, Maine. He received a BA degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine and attended graduate school at the University of Maine and Ohio State University, receiving degrees in Political Science.

He worked for the Connecticut State Legislature in the Office of Legislative Research, for over 30 years. This was a non-partisan position involving researching

policy issues, writing reports, summarizing legislation, and staffing committees. He was the long-time Assistant Director of the Office and finished the last few years of his tenure as its Director. He is now retired and living in Sanford in the house his grandfather built, and in which he grew up. Lawrence has been a Rotarian for over eight years. He has been his club's Community Service Chair and its President in 2011-12. In 2008, he went on a Rotary mission trip to India and participated in a National Immunization Day. He served on the District International Service Committee in 2010-11 and the District Conference Committee in 2009-10 and 2011-12. In 2012, he was the team leader for a Group Study Exchange with District 1890 in Northern Germany. In 2012-13, he served a term on the District Foundation Committee. In 2014-15, he will serve as the AG Training Chair for NEPETS (the program

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for training our incoming club presidents) and in 2015-16 as overall Chair. Lawrence is a Paul Harris Society member and he and his wife, Barbara Sutcliffe, are major donors to the Rotary Foundation.

Lawrence is active in a number of other community service organizations, having spent three years as president of the local library board and four years as an elected town meeting member. He is a founding board member of the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society and has sung for six years as a tenor in the Choral Art Society Masterworks Chorus in Portland, Maine.

Lawrence is enjoying retirement with his wife, Barbara, who is also a Rotarian, Treasurer and Vice President of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary club. They enjoy golf, gardening, bicycling, yoga, beekeeping, and travel. Lawrence has two children, two stepdaughters and two grandchildren.

### 08/01/14 WinXnet - Christopher Claudio

Posted by Garvey MacLean on Aug 05, 2014



Christopher Claudio and Dave Putnam

**Dave Putnam** introduced Christopher Claudio, CEO and Co-founder of WinXnet as our presenter at Friday's meeting. WinXnet, which was founded in 1999, presently employs 75 people in three locations, with headquarters in Portland, ME. The company manages information technology for a variety of companies that are majorly focused in health care.

Chris describes WinXnet as "a company which believes in a culture of excellence and is driven by solutions," and seeks a partner relationship, as opposed to a vendor relationship, with companies.

WinXnet has a strategic growth plan with target goals of \$25-30 million by 2016. It is presently negotiating the acquisition of a 50-person, \$6 million company in Boston.

Chris identified key principles that drive WinXnet. Most of them align with the guiding principles of Rotary. Chris immediately received a suggestion from the audience that he should consider joining Portland Rotary, which he is receptive to.

The guiding principles of WinXnet were articulated by Chris as:

1. Take care of the customer;
2. Choose your focus and either be great at it or don't do it;
3. Think big, compare yourself to the best;
4. Always do the right thing, even if it hurts;
5. Get engaged with the community;
6. Find something you are passionate about and commit your time.

Clearly, Chris Claudio is a person who practices what he preaches. He is in a service business where the focus must not be on yourself, but on those you seek to serve.

### 08/01/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Aug 04, 2014

We met at the Holiday Inn this week. **President Kris** was back at the helm!

**Peggy (Queenie) Wescott** was called upon to present our invocation. She asked that we ponder relatives and friends that are far away and asked us to verbally volunteer the location of said relative at the most distant location. Lewiston, Norway, Taiwan, and Brazil were some of the offerings....but how near our modern world has made them.

**Loretta** conducted the raffle and asked Chris Claudio (our speaker) to draw the name of the member who would get a chance to win \$326 by finding the queen of hearts in the deck of cards. **Peggy's** name was drawn, but she found the eight of clubs. The pot continues to grow.

**Gus Karlsen** made a pitch for the continued support of the MS Regatta. The service fund trophy was on display at the meeting and we hope to retain possession of same in perpetuity, as we have won it seven times previously. Contact Gus about providing your support. Your sponsorship can include a working cruise.

**President Kris** announced a new format to mix things up a bit at our meetings. Our non-patriotic song will no longer be a weekly feature. It is scheduled to be supplemented with "*Happy Dollars*," or a member's "Rotary Minute." If you are on the Music Committee, consult your schedule and if unclear on your assignment, contact **Janelle LoSciuto**, the committee chair. "*Happy Dollars*" was Friday's theme with donations of \$10 each.

*Happy Dollar* braggers:

**Jim Willey** and wife, Barbara, are grandparents again.

**Al Sargent** loves that no matter where you go, you can find a convivial meal with like-minded Rotarians all over the world.

**Peter Goffin** is grateful for only having seven remaining tuition payments for his under grad degree.

**Roxane Cole** is happy to have moved into her new home in Falmouth.

**Dick Giles** reminds La Romana travelers of friend George Sylvester, who at 87 years of age, hopes to overcome an affliction and be able to return to the Dominican Republic with the group.

**Jerry Angier** celebrated 3 qualifying excursions for the railroad group that is coming in September.

**Bruce Moore** celebrated his eligibility for Medicare by turning 65.

**Charlie Frair** was happy to inform us that his folks are well and attending 7 concerts in 10 days in Michigan with his sisters.

**Cy Hagge** tells us his Peaks-to-Portland swim was a personal best.

**Roger Fagan** was happy to announce his and Liz's first grandchild, George Allen Quinn, who is now two months old.

When all was said and done, we had collected \$100....which went to support funding a Paul Harris Fellow sustaining membership....and the name chosen out of these "bragging" members was **Peter Goffin**. What a great way for everyone to benefit, including the Foundation!



#### [Dedication to the Late Duane Pearce](#)

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 04, 2014

On Saturday, August 2, 2014 Point Sebago Golf Course in Casco held a memorial service in honor of our late member Duane Pearce. They dedicated a



granite bench (at left) on the first tee in his memory, as Duane was the starter there for nineteen years. It was definitely a nice tribute to him.

#### 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!

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 05, 2014



**Invoker:** Russ Burleigh  
**Program/Speaker Reporter:** Bob Martin  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Gene Story  
**Registration:** Loretta Rowe  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Rylan Nimocks  
**Greeter:**  
**Raffle:** Ralph Hendrix  
**Music - Song Leader:** Steve Ditmer  
**Music - Piano Player:** None  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Early:** Howie Herodes  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Late:** Jim Willey

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 05, 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 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



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!

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