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News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Editor David Smith

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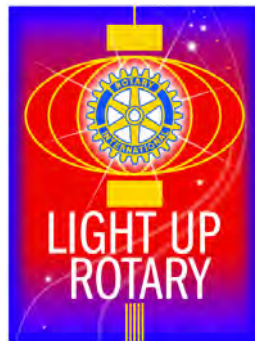
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08/22/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Aug 16, 2014



FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014

WE ARE MEETING AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY

*08/22/14 EILEEN SKINNER AND MICHELLE HOOD - Healthcare in Maine

Posted by David Small on Aug 16, 2014

We have two speakers who will be presenting our program on Friday: Eileen Skinner of Mercy Health System of Maine (MHSM) and Michelle Hood of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems (EMHS).



Eileen F. Skinner is President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Health System of Maine, a member organization of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems (EMHS). Originally from New Orleans, she completed her Master's Degree in Health Administration from Tulane University.

Eileen moved to Maine when she assumed her position at Mercy in September 2002. Since then she has directed the construction of the new Fore River campus and the opening of multiple new primary and specialty care practices as well as new clinical programs.

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Most recently, she led the partnership and integration efforts for Mercy to join EMHS in October of 2013. She now focuses on Mercy's local strategy as it compliments statewide EMHS efforts. This includes the enhancement of provider relationships and community partnerships. Eileen is active in the Maine Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, Maine State Chamber, and the Hanley Center for Healthcare Leadership.

Michelle Hood is President & Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems (EMHS). Michelle received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a Master of Health Care Administration from Georgia State University. She came to EMHS in April 2006 from Billings, Montana where she was President & CEO of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems, Montana Region, as well as President & CEO of its flagship hospital, St. Vincent Healthcare.



At EMHS, she focuses on healthcare policy and design models at the state and national levels, positionin EMHS to be successful in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. Michelle builds partnerships that work for Maine communities, strengthening the economic and educational climate of the state. She is active with the American Hospital Association, the Maine Hospital Association, the University of Maine System and VHA New England in governance roles.

08/15/14 The Labor Loop - John Dorrer

Posted by John Marr on Aug 19, 2014



Bob Martin and David Clough

Some subjects are so convoluted that they need a two-part introduction. Consequently, **David Clough** and **Bob Martin** had to collaborate in order to fully introduce our guest speaker, John Dorrer, Senior Consultant of Georgetown University.

John's focus was on the ins and outs, ups and down, of the labor situation and how it impacts the economy of Maine and the U.S. Dorrer is involved with the "Jobs For the Future" program and spoke clearly and emphatically to the labor needs in the state and the economic differences we experience.

To business, according to Mr. Dorrer, labor is essential. However, it's not just about supply but primarily the need for quality over quantity. The demographics of Maine are often mentioned as a challenge and a reality that the state has to deal with, and John agrees. However, while he understands the reality, he thinks there is a solution to the conundrum. John had a multitude of exhibits to depict the economic and employment spikes and dips over the past decade. One of the obvious stories told is that the labor recovery hasn't kept up with the economic improvement. In the course of questions, he mentioned that the income gap is part of the issue, but may not be as simple as raising the minimum wage. However, he did point out that as the masses have improved wages, they spend more and the economy goes. One of the distinct themes in the presentation was that the "two Maine's" proposition, holds true. While Maine as a whole has a better unemployment rate than the U.S., in the mid 5% range, the Greater Portland area is far better off in the mid 4% area, and is experiencing what is commonly considered full employment in this economy. The take away is that those who are unemployed or underemployed are more than likely lacking the skills, motivation and the drive to meet the needs of wanting employers.

The principal victim of the *Great Recession* are men in their 50's who worked in the construction trades and in manufacturing. Too often that demographic group does not possess the credentials and skills needed for the current workplace. In the Greater Portland area, the exhibits support, the drivers of the economic resurgence are healthcare, hospitality, and finance. Whether we like it or not, Portland is seen as being closely tied to the economic image and influence of Boston. As a consequence of this economic base, we have to deal with the volatile dynamics of business and this mandates that the labor force be resourceful, resilient, and flexible, in order to meet the ever-present change that is common to the modern economy.



The bottom line of John Dorrer's presentation was easy to grasp. Maine has to do a much better job of attracting and retaining a younger, well-

trained and educated labor force if we are going to keep the economic engine going. Our colleges, in particular, have to adapt to the needs of business and cultivate the minds of students in a manner that allows them to accept and adapt to the change. As such, despite the notion that some have, a liberal arts education is still of value. The important thing, according to our speaker, is that we have a work force armed with at least an Associate's Degree, but preferably a Bachelor's or better, in order to keep Maine growing and to regain prosperity.

08/15/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Janelle LoSciuto on Aug 18, 2014

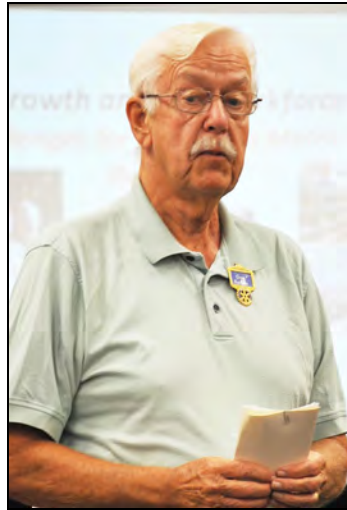
President Kris called the meeting to order and **Charlie Frair** provided a short and sweet invocation.

Janelle LoSciuto and **Russ Burleigh** led us in the patriotic song: 'My Country 'Tis of Thee.'

Christine Force facilitated the raffle with a pot of \$200. **Bob Trill** was the lucky member whose name was drawn, but no luck in finding the Queen of Hearts with the new deck of 52 cards.

Rotary moment: **Justin Lamontagne** is at his 3-year mark as a Rotarian. He reflected on watching his family experience Rotary along with him. Last year he volunteered at the Dominican Republic festival. It was wonderful to watch his daughter dance with such joy. That night was a great family experience as a result of the work done by Rotary.

Roger Fagan announced a benefit concert with the appearance of Maranatha.....the Dominican Republic (DR) musical group that entertained at last year's festival. Concert is Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Brunswick Landing, formerly Brunswick Naval Air Station. FMI contact **John Curran** at: curraj@mmc.org or call him at 232-5478. Funds raised will benefit Hospital El Buen Samaritano in the DR.



Gus Karlsen announced that the MS Regatta was to be held on Saturday (8/16) and said anyone interested could give a last-minute support of our efforts in the race. He also gave many thanks to all those who have already offered their support for this cause.

Jim Willey told us that the *Friends of Longcreek* are hoping to offer music lessons to interested students at the Longcreek Youth Center. There are 30 young people at the center that are interested at taking them up on their offer. They are in need of used instruments and teachers from the Portland conservatory. Donations are welcome. FMI please contact **Jim** at 272-5926 or

jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com

Bob Clark of the Boys and Girls Club announced that they are looking for 2 to 3 more volunteers to help at their 'Steak & Burger Dinner' from 5:30-6:30 pm Thursday, August 21. If you can help, please contact **Bob** at 874-1069 or rclark@bgcmaine.org

Bob Trill's daughter, Joan Gordon, joined her dad at our meeting to hear our speaker's presentation.



08/22/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 16, 2014

Invocator: Alan Nye
Program/Speaker Reporter: Erik Jorgensen
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Carl Spang
Registration: Charlie Frair
Meal Ticket Sales: Russell Voss
Greeter: Jon Young
Raffle: Laura Young



Music - Song Leader: Meredith Small
Music - Piano Player: Russ Burleigh
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Bruce Moore
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Mac Collins

[2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS](#)

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 17, 2014

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 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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[New Member Applications](#)

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 17, 2014

Proposed new member applications are posted to our home page for you to review and provide any feedback to the Membership Chairperson (Harold Crabill) or the Club Secretary (Loretta Rowe). Click on the appropriate "Proposed New Member Applications" title at left under the "Site Pages" heading.

[Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 16, 2014

The meeting minutes of the Portland Rotary Club's Board of Directors are posted on our website the month following their approval. From the "Home Page," click on the "Board Meeting Minutes" in the listing at the left.

Aaah....Love or Something Like It!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 17, 2014



MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Jun 30, 2014



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

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

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Committee	Role
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