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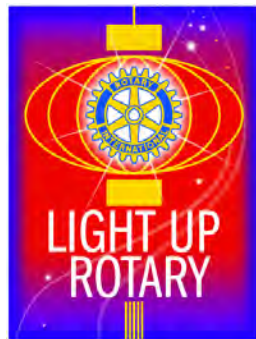
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### Stories

#### 09/05/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Aug 30, 2014



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014**

**WE ARE MEETING AT**

**THE CLARION HOTEL**

**1230 CONGRESS STREET**

#### \*09/05/14 GERARD CASSIDY - COMPREHENSIVE VIEW / OUTLOOK FOR BANKING INDUSTRY

Posted by Amy Chipman on Aug 30, 2014



On Friday, our presenter will be Gerard S. Cassidy, Head U.S. Bank Equity Strategy and East Coast Bank Research, with *RBC Capital Markets*. Mr. Cassidy joined *Tucker Anthony Sutro* in March 1988 as a bank equity analyst. He is responsible for providing bank and economic research to the firm's clients and was on the Board of Directors of *Tucker Anthony Sutro Capital Markets*. Prior to joining *Tucker Anthony Sutro*, he was employed by UNUM Corporation as a senior bank analyst. Mr. Cassidy began his professional career with Gulf+Western Industries as a merger and acquisitions analyst.

Mr. Cassidy is the creator of the Texas Ratio, a ratio used by investors to determine whether a bank could be insolvent, and is included in the book *The Guide to The 50 Economic Indicators That Really Matter*. He is often quoted in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Forbes, The American Banker and other leading newspapers and periodicals regarding the banking industry. Additionally, he has appeared on CNBC, CNN, NBC, BNN, National Public Radio and other leading broadcasts discussing banking and economic issues and its impact on bank stocks.

Mr. Cassidy earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maine in accounting and finance in 1980. He received his Masters of Business Administration degree from St. John's University in 1984. Mr. Cassidy is a former Board of Director and Secretary of the *New York Bank and Financial Analysts Association*. He is currently the President of the *BancAnalysts Association of Boston, Inc.*

Mr. Cassidy lives in Cumberland with his wife and three kids. He enjoys boating and playing basketball.

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### 08/29/14 Portland Sea Dogs

Posted by Erik Jorgensen on Sep 02, 2014



## PORTLAND'S CATHEDRAL OF BASEBALL

Every morning newspaper brings more news of triumphs on the diamond by this year's Sea Dogs, arguably the best team in franchise history. With this exciting status as a backdrop, Portland Rotary made its annual visit to Hadlock Field, where we enjoyed ballpark fare and spectacular weather while meeting a couple of the players: catcher (and sometime designated hitter) Jayson Hernandez, and pitcher Keith Couch.

Every year the players answer our members' questions about life as minor-league ballplayers – and while the answers tend to be similar, each player has a personal story of a notable career that started somewhere on a little league field, and has now reached Hadlock, with many stops in the middle.

Hernandez, for example, was with the Sea Dogs in 2012, and since then has played throughout the Sox system, at Greenville, Salem and Pawtucket, before returning to Portland. Both players noted how these changes can be sudden: "You can be watching a game on TV, see someone get injured, and then hear the phone ring within five minutes. Sometimes you'll hear that a taxi is coming for you in an hour," observed Couch. And just like that, a player is off for a temporary or permanent gig elsewhere.



Photo: Catcher, Jayson Hernandez and Pitcher, Keith Couch

Both Couch and Hernandez were recruited out of college (Adelphi and Rutgers), and both are continuing to work toward completion of their degrees. This is happening in fits and starts, however, as they juggle a full seven-day a week baseball schedule and often jump at various off-season opportunities.

Both are from the mid-Atlantic region – Couch from Long Island and Hernandez from New Jersey. This is unusual for professional baseball players, who more often tend to originate in places with long hot summer seasons.

We were glad they took the time to be with us. Perhaps our visit brought a measure of good luck - Boston's Double-A affiliate would go on to beat Harrisburg, 3-2, a few hours later, clinching the fifth division crown in team history, and its first since 2005.

### 08/29/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Juliana L'Heureux on Sep 02, 2014

Our Rotary meeting location prompted a number of members to bring their children and friends to the beautiful afternoon in the picnic area of Hadlock Field, home of the Portland Sea Dogs.

**Julie L'Heureux** gave the invocation, which was a reading of Lou Gehrig's heartfelt "*Luckiest Man in the World*" speech, originally delivered to a sold-out crowd at Yankee Stadium on July 4, 1939, often referred to as the "*Gettysburg Address of Baseball*."

A group photo was taken of the young visitors with Sea Dog players: pitcher, Keith Couch and catcher, Jayson Hernandez.

**Front row:** Will Jorgensen, Gabby Stromsky, Zack Stromsky, Alexa Stromsky;  
**Second row:** Jordan Blakeslee  
**Third row:** Sea Dog pitcher, Keith Couch, Lydia Brennerman, Katie Connelly, Megan Connelly, and Sea Dog catcher, Jayson Hernandez



**President Kris** and all friends of Michelle Mitchell were beaming with joy to see our friend back at Rotary to enjoy the hearty lunch with us at Hadlock Field.

Left: Julie L'Heureux, Michelle Mitchell, Erik Greven and Dick Giles

**Bill Blount** led the group with our patriotic national anthem, an appropriate opening for meeting at Hadlock Field. **Bill** told us that our annual meetings at Hadlock Field are a club tradition, started 27 years ago, with only a one-year hiatus. You can ask him why it didn't happen that one year.



With **Lester Evans** conducting the raffle, **Roger Asch's** name was drawn for him to find the queen of hearts, but it was not to be and the jackpot of \$245 continues to grow.

**Bill** returned to the microphone and we sang the seventh-inning stretch classic, "*Take Me Out to the Ball Game*."

**President Kris** auctioned a cluster of Sea Dog's prime seat tickets to the August 30th game, with the proceeds going to support the Rotary Foundation and the Dominican Republic H2O projects.

A new future Rotarian has joined Eric and Holly Lusk. Born 8/20/14...weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 oz., and 19.75 inches long, Thompson Hartiman Lusk joins his big sister, Margaret (21 months). Dad says: "Here's Thompson's impersonation of Winston Churchill."





### 09/05/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 30, 2014



**Invoker:** Carl Spang  
**Program/Speaker Reporter:** Garvey Maclean  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Ben Lowry  
**Registration:** Jerry Angier  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Jake Bourdeau  
**Greeter:** David Clough  
**Raffle:** Steve Ditmer  
**Music - Song Leader:** Kathy Grammer  
**Music - Piano Player:** None  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Early:** Mac Collins  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Late:** Peter Ingram

### Smile Corner

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 02, 2014



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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Aug 30, 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:

**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 Aug 30, 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.

#### [Missed a Program? Catch it on CTN Cable TV!](#)

Posted by David Smith on Aug 30, 2014



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

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