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News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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09/12/14 MEETING LOCATION
Posted by David Smith on Sep 06, 2014

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014
WE ARE MEETING AT
THE HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY

*09/12/14 DR. THEO KALIKOW, PRESIDENT EMERITA AND ACTING CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 07, 2014

Community Engagement and Public Higher Education - What's In It For Me? - Dr. Theo Kalikow, President Emerita and Acting Vice Chancellor

A native of Swampscott, Massachusetts, Dr. Kalikow received her A.B. in Chemistry from Wellesley College in 1962. She attended graduate school in the Boston area, receiving the Sc.M. in Philosophy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970, and the Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University in 1974.

In 1968-69 she began teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, where she attained the rank of Professor and served as Department Chair and faculty union president.

In 1981 Dr. Kalikow became the Interim Assistant to the President at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, and during 1983-84 she served as an American Council on Education Fellow at Brown University.

From 1984 to 1987 she was Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado, and in 1987 she moved to Plymouth State College (N.H.), where she served as Dean of the College (with one year as Interim President) until 1994.

In 1994 Dr. Kalikow was named President of the University of Maine at Farmington. In eighteen years of leadership at the 2,000-student University campus, President Kalikow became known statewide as a model for establishing outstanding campus-community relations, leading several successful campaigns that advanced UMF's ties to the region.

In 2012 Dr. Kalikow was named President of the University of Southern...
Maine and recently decided it was time for her to move into a new role in her final year of service to the University of Maine System. Known for her straight talk, sense of humor and candor, Dr. Kalikow has picked up the reins USM...Maine's second largest university.

The University of Maine System was established in 1968 as the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of nearly 40,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals through educational and cultural offerings. It features seven universities - some with multiple campuses - located across the state, as well as eight College outreach centers, a law school, an additional 31 course sites and Cooperative Extension.

Amy Chipman introduced our speaker, Gerard Cassidy, Head of U.S. Bank Equity Strategy and East Coast Research with RBC Capital Markets.

“The U. S. economy is growing!” was the sum of Gerard Cassidy’s herald of good news; as he speed-reviewed four sectors of the economy.

(1) EMPLOYMENT: The picture is bright with 139.5 million jobs in the U.S. and growth will continue as there are still four million jobs to be filled. Where the private sector has recovered, the public sector has not.

(2) HOUSING: It is recovering......in San Francisco it is booming, in Las Vegas it’s declining, and in Miami high-rise condo construction is back in production.

(3) ENERGY: Production is at a new high with discoveries of gas and oil in North Dakota and Western Pennsylvania. The U.S. is now exporting oil. Prices at the fuel pump will go down only when new refineries go on line - the first new refinery in twenty years is scheduled to be built in Louisiana. Without subsidies, renewable forms of energy will not be able to compete.

(4) MANUFACTURING: Foreign companies are moving to the U.S. for high-skilled labor and reliable energy - BMW and AIRBUS are building plants in Alabama and Mississippi.

ON THE BANKING FRONT: The 2008 bail out was the U.S. government’s best investment. The loan is all paid back and banks are back lending. Sub-prime lending is no more and commercial loans are at a record level. Banks are struggling with margin of profit; we can expect a raise in interest rates in 2015. Gerard was pleased to report that the Banking industry is in great shape - the best since 1930. Alas, the only sober note in Gerard's presentation: the recovery is more evident in other parts of
A lovely and interesting invocation was delivered by Carl Spang, who gave us a brief history of Labor Day in America.

In a major development, Portland Rotary has now donated a total of $15,000 to the renovation of The Kotzchmar Organ at Portland’s Merrill Auditorium. Our own Kathy Grammer reports that, with our help over the past three years, the grand re-opening is on track and scheduled for September 27th. Check online or with Kathy for more information and tickets to this special event.

Gus Karlsen was very thankful to have raised $1000 for two sailboats in the MS Regatta, but sadly reports that Portland Rotary’s 7-year run with the championship trophy has ended. Thanks to all who continue to support this amazing event!

Loretta Rowe was very pleased to introduce new member Jim Thornton, who carries on a tradition, most recently with Gus Karlsen and Mike Fortunato, all of whom are/were a USPS Postmaster. Jim, who came to the USPS from an army background, has worked all over the state, from Woolwich to Yarmouth to Bath to Lewiston to Portland, where he now serves as the acting Postmaster. Welcome Jim!

President Kris Rosado and Harold Crabill are spearheading an effort, through their office at Merrill Lynch, to send thank you notes to veterans. If you’d like to be part of this heart-warming effort, please contact either of these gentlemen.

Jake Bourdeau’s name was pulled for the raffle, but he drew the king of spades. The pot thickens!

We had ten folks stand up with “Happy Dollars” last Friday, with many celebrating expectant family members. Peggy Wescott (aka Queeny) bucked the trend when she gave $10 because “nobody in my family is pregnant”! After the generous donations, Peter Goffin’s name was drawn at random to become a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation, the first leg to yet another Paul Harris Fellowship for Peter.
Speaking of Paul Harris, Erik Jorgensen and his son Will, while on a mid-west trip this past August, stopped in at the Rotary International offices in Evanston, Illinois, where they were treated to a private tour of current RI President Gary Huang’s office, as well as a replica of Paul Harris’ office in turn-of-the-century Chicago. Looks like Erik picked up the business card of next year’s RI president, K. R. Ravindran, too.

President Kris invited us all to attend the next board meeting on September 19th at 1:35 p.m., where our leadership will delve into the delicate and ongoing issue of attendance and dues payments. If you’ve got thoughts on this important topic, please feel free to sit in at the board meeting.

Joan Steinberg, Russ Burleigh’s wife, is once again knitting mittens for Winterkids and she needs your help with wool yarn. Any and all colors are accepted to help Joan in her annual drive to complete her “Ball of Hair Pillows”.

Steve Stromsky, Community Service Chair, reports that we need one or two more volunteers to help at The Preble Street Resource Center on Tuesday, September 9th. This is an eye-opening experience, so come out and lend a hand! FMI: contact Steve at 776-7339 or by email at: stevan_j_stromsky@keybank.com

Former Rotarian Update
Posted by Robert Traill on Sep 05, 2014

Former Portland Rotarian, Al Milliken, would love a visit from his friends in our club. He now resides in Fallbrook Residential Care at 60 Merrymeeting Drive, off 428 Ray St., in the North Deering area of Portland. For directions, call 878-0788. Al’s direct number is 541-0924. Al is now 92, needs a walker for getting around, but his mind is sharp and he still has his dry sense of humor. Friendly company is the medicine he needs.

09/12/14 THIS WEEK’S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 06, 2014

Invocator: Dave Small  
Program/Speaker Reporter: Alan Nye  
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bill Blount  
Registration: Erik Greven  
Meal Ticket Sales: Rusty Atwood  
Greeter: Dick Giles  
Raffle: Alex St. Hilaire  
Music - Song Leader: Alan Nye  
Music - Piano Player: Kathy Grammer  
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Mike Reed  
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Jim Willey
2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 06, 2014


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 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

Laugh....It's Good For You!
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 08, 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.

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!