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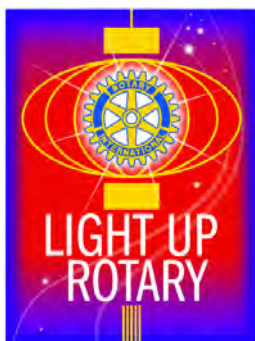
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09/19/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Sep 13, 2014



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

WE ARE MEETING AT

THE CLARION HOTEL

1230 Congress Street

*09/19/14 PROF. CHARLES NORCHI - AFGHANISTAN AND THE PIVOT TO ASIA

Posted by Gregory Hansel on Sep 14, 2014



Our presenter this Friday will be Charles H. Norchi, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law.

Charles Norchi was born in Dublin, Ireland and raised in Warren, Ohio. While a senior at Harvard College, the Warren Rotary Club awarded him a Rotary Scholarship to support his graduate study in Geneva, Switzerland. Following his studies in Geneva, Dr. Norchi went to Afghanistan as a journalist and over the years remained involved with Afghanistan: as Director of the Washington D.C.-based War Crimes Project; subsequently as Executive Director of the International League for Human Rights; as

advisor to the World Bank in Afghanistan; as an advisor on Afghan civil society relations with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF); and serving as faculty for the Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP) program that helps prepare U.S. armed forces for missions in Afghanistan. His additional international advisory work includes counseling the World Health Organization in Geneva and Nairobi; the United Nations Development Program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and Dubai Ports World in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

In 2007 while teaching at Harvard, Dr. Norchi visited Portland and the University of Maine School of Law. He subsequently joined the faculty and today is Professor of Law, Director of the Center for Oceans & Coastal Law, and Director of Graduate Law Programs at the University of Maine School of

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Law. He also holds an appointment as Visiting Professor at Peking University School of Law in Beijing, China. His service activities include the Institute for Law & Development Policy in Geneva, Switzerland which he co-Chairs, the Explorers Club of which he is a Fellow; the Advisory Committee of the Centre for Maritime and Transportation Law in Hong Kong; the Harvard Club in Maine and the World Affairs Council of Maine on whose Boards he serves. His most recent book is *Maritime Piracy in Comparative Perspective: Problems, Strategies Law* and his forthcoming book concerns Afghanistan and international law. Dr. Norchi holds a Bachelors degree from Harvard University, a Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University, a Master of Laws and a Doctor of the Science of Law from Yale Law School.

As United States and allied forces draw down in Afghanistan, assets are being reallocated in support of a "pivot to Asia." Despite the drawdown, Afghanistan will continue to bear upon outcomes in a region where the US administration is attempting to reorient American foreign policy. Afghanistan is the bridge to West Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and East Asia and is thus central to the movement of ideas, trade and disaffected radical militants intent on disrupting nation-states. As policy makers in government capitals attempt to manage pockets of chaos and contention from Ukraine to Syria to the South China Sea, discussion of Afghanistan has been muted. Yet Afghanistan plays a role in unfolding events. It will be pivotal to the looming American pivot to Asia and is a security concern to East Asian powers driving the American pivot. Professor Norchi will address these trends and conditions and offer projections drawing upon his years of experience working in and writing about Asia from Afghanistan to China.

09/12/14 Don Zillman, Professor of Law at USM - Update of USM

Posted by Alan Nye on Sep 14, 2014

Dr. Theo Kalikow, Vice Chancellor Community Engagement, USM was unable to attend our meeting. Our own Rotary member, Don Zillman, ably stepped up to the microphone and filled the club in on what has been happening throughout the University of Maine System.

As many of you know, Don is presently the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine Law School. Don has an illustrious career with the University of Maine, having served on 4 of its 7 campuses. Don was the former Dean of Maine Law, and served as the Interim Provost and Academic Vice President of the University of Maine, as Interim President at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, and as President at the Presque Isle campus.

Don made it clear that he is a passionate advocate for public education. He candidly discussed the hard times that currently befall the University and the difficulty of coming up with a simple solution. He believes that the University is still a good value, but admits that 25 years ago the state subsidy was approximately 60 – 65% of tuition, whereas today the numbers are just the opposite. This has resulted in a giant increase in the student share of tuition.

Don cited his informal take on the lack of effective leadership of the University of Maine by using his own criteria to examine past University Chancellors and Presidents of UMO and USM. According to Don, the University has fared quite poorly in this regard. Don believes that the University has good teachers and fine scholars – the difficulty is getting the good word out, when all too often it appears that only bad news is reported.

Student numbers are way down at the University of Southern Maine, in part because community college tuition is so low and the University accepts many of the credits earned by students at community colleges. Don indicates that the fastest way to solve the financial crisis at the University is to simply enroll more students.

Don delivered an interesting discussion with many questions flying at him

from his captive audience.



Even after the regular meeting ended, Don continued to field questions.

Photo: Dave Putnam, Lisa Sisto (visitor), Professor Don Zillman, Loretta Rowe, and 1st VP Bowen Depke.

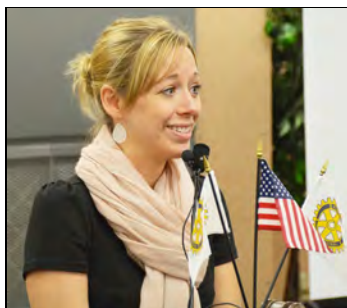
09/12/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Sep 14, 2014

President Kris opened the meeting by asking **Peggy Wescott** to the podium for the invocation. **Peggy's** theme was inspirations of the moment, reflecting on the energy that brought **Past District Governor Bob** and Stella **Patten** to our meeting. **Bruce Moore** led us in the pledge, then **Alan Nye** led us in 'God Bless America' with **Russ Burleigh** accompanying on the piano.

President Kris reconvened the meeting after we had lunch, asking **Alex St. Hilaire** to try to give away the \$283 raffle prize. **Cy Hagge's** name was picked by **Don Zillman**, but then **Cy**, regrettably, picked the 5 of Spades.

President Kris then auctioned off **George Crockett's** 2-BR time share for three nights at the Samoset - Matt Tassey was the high bidder. The funds went to the Rotary Foundation.



Janelle LoScuitto gave us a 'Rotary Moment.' **Janelle**, an event planner/fundraiser, enjoys hands-on volunteering opportunities and recalls her first Rotary invitation to help with the Boys and Girls Club dinner a year ago without having to run the show!

Jim Willey
let us know

that **Earle Leavitt** is feeling better and hopes to rejoin us next week. **Dave Putnam** then came forward to let us know that our planned speaker for the day, Theo Kalikow, had to cancel at the last minute because she had a nice addition of a grandchild added to her family, so our own member, **Don Zillman**, in her stead, did admirably well.



09/19/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 14, 2014

Invocator: Garvey Maclean
Program/Speaker Reporter: Janelle LoSciuto
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bob Martin
Registration: Glenn Nerbak
Meal Ticket Sales: Ellen Niewoehner
Greeter: Bob Martin



Raffle: Emily McEntee
Music - Song Leader: Janelle LoSciuto
Music - Piano Player: Kathy Grammer
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Jon Young
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Bruce Moore

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 14, 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 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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Laugh....it's good for you!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 15, 2014



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 14, 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 Sep 14, 2014



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

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