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09/26/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Sep 22, 2014



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

WE ARE MEETING AT

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*09/26/14 NAN HEALD, PINE TREE LEGAL - IT'S HISTORY AND FUTURE

Posted by Amy Chipman on Sep 23, 2014



Our speaker for this Friday is Nan Heald, Executive Director of Pine Tree Legal Assistance. Nan grew up in Oquossoc in the western mountains of Maine, graduating from Smith College in 1977 and George Washington University Law School in 1980. After graduation, she worked for the federal government in Washington and a private law firm in Portland before joining Pine Tree Legal Assistance in 1985. Her work as a staff attorney in the Native American Unit led to federal recognition of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. In 1990, she became the Executive Director of Pine Tree and continues to serve in that role to the present time. She has worked on numerous national, regional and local initiatives to improve access to justice. Nan was recognized by MaineBiz as a "Woman to Watch" in 2010 and as a 'Champion of Change' for civil justice issues by the White House in 2011.

09/19/14 Afghanistan and The Pivot to Asia

Posted by Janelle LoSciuto on Sep 23, 2014

Our speaker last Friday was Dr. Charles H. Norchi, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Oceans & Coastal Law, as well as the Director of Graduate Law Programs at the University of Maine School of Law. Dr. Norchi has a unique connection to Rotary: in addition to being introduced by Greg Hansel, his longtime friend and Rotarian, Dr. Norchi also expressed that he owed a debt of gratitude to Rotary international, as he was a Rotary Scholarship recipient, which helped enable him to pursue graduate education in Geneva, Switzerland. Additionally, Dr. Norchi, at the request of his father, took a moment to offer his appreciation to veterans of the United States military.

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Following his studies in Geneva, Dr. Norchi went to Afghanistan as a journalist, where his lifelong fascination and association with the country and its many peoples began. He has stayed involved in Afghan affairs ever since, holding many positions that deal directly with those people who he first met as a young journalist.

Dr. Norchi's talk was entitled "Afghanistan and the Pivot to Asia," in which he overviewed the United States' increasing focus on reallocating diplomatic and military attention on that part of the world.

Dr. Norchi began his talk by pointing out that despite the U.S. efforts to redefine and refocus foreign policy further east, Afghanistan will play an impactful role in our operations throughout the rest of Asia. Addressing why this was the case, Dr. Norchi said that Afghanistan, known for centuries as the crossroads of trade routes between Europe and Asia, continues to be "A land on everyone's way to somewhere else." He also explained how this accounts for the vast array of ethnicities present in native Afghans. From Alexander the Great through Genghis Khan to the Soviets, Afghanistan has had a volatile history of its controlling faction, and as a result, the gene pool is very diverse.

Afghanistan's importance in foreign policy increases when taking into account its volatile neighbors. In an area defined to the locals by tribal borders, which are often interrupted by political ones, there are many border disputes, and many contested regions, most notably Kashmir. Dr. Norchi shared with us his experience on and around the Durand line – the Afghanistan's contested eastern border with Pakistan, which was drawn in 1893 by the British directly through a number of tribal regions, most notably splitting the Pashtuns between what we know as Pakistan and Afghanistan. To this day, the Durand Line remains an unrecognized border by many ethnic groups.

Finally, Dr. Norchi discussed the evolution of various factions of Pashtuns into the 7 groups that comprised the Mujahideen, and then the rise of the Taliban. His personal knowledge of this rise to power was fascinating, having spent much of his time as a journalist with these people.

Though he had to rush through the end of his presentation due to time constraints, Dr. Norchi managed to impart a lot of information about this very fascinating, very relevant and under appreciated part of the world, and our country's future there.



Photo: President Kris Rosado, Dr. Charles Norchi and Greg Hansel

09/19/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Robert Martin on Sep 23, 2014

We were all delighted to have **Earle Leavitt** back with us.

Garvey Maclean shared a rich invocation, **Janelle Losciuto** led us in song, and we enjoyed our lunch at the Clarion Hotel. **Emily McEntee** tried to give away \$308 in the raffle, but **Bowen Depke** missed drawing the right card.

Bowen also took a moment to remind us of the upcoming 100th Anniversary Gala, and to share that the organizing committee is looking for a nationally-renown speaker. Pass your ideas to **Bowen**.



Janelle returned to the podium to lead us in an a cappella rendition of 'Home on the Range,' to help us work off the meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Get wells were extended to **Rob Chatfield** and **Harold Crabill's** wife, Kim, both recovering from appendectomy surgery, and to **Roger Fagan** who underwent knee surgery.

Harold Crabill shared a Membership Minute, pointing out that while the number one Rotary International goal is the eradication of polio, the number two goal is increasing membership. To that end, he pointed out that Portland Rotary's membership is now at 115. To help increase our numbers, every member of the club is now an honorary member of the Membership Committee, with the goal of each member bringing in at least one new member. The club's membership goal is to add an additional 100 members in honor of the club's 100th anniversary next year. "We cannot sit back," **Harold** said. "Bring a friend to a meeting. It's an easy ask."



PRESIDENT KRIS added that the Hospice of Southern Maine was celebrating its new facility on October 15th, a building project supported by Portland Rotary. If you are interested in attending the celebration, see **KRIS** for details.

09/26/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 22, 2014

Invoker: Julie L'Heureux
Program/Speaker Reporter: John Marr



Bits & Pieces Reporter: Erik Jorgensen
Registration: Ellen Niewoehner
Meal Ticket Sales: Loretta Rowe
Greeter: Alex St. Hilare
Raffle: Anne Fisher
Music - Song Leader: Meredith Small
Piano Player: Russ Burleigh
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Scott Blakeslee
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Mac Collins

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 22, 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 a Little!

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 22, 2014



"You may be wondering why I called this meeting."

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 22, 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 22, 2014



You can watch our recent Portland Rotary Club speakers on the Community Television Network website:

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

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