



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Portland Maine

The Windjammer

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Future Speakers

- Jan 14 2011**
Rich Pattenaude
"Chancellor, University of Maine System"
- Jan 21 2011**
Doug Baston - North Atlantic Energy
" Maine's Forests"
- Jan 28 2011**
Keith Burkley- Time Warner Cable President
"TWC - Present and Future"
- Feb 4 2011**
Michael Franz, Professor at Bowdoin College
"Maine Political Advertising"
- Feb 11 2011**
Survivor Bob Crowley
"[our Valentines Day program]"
- Feb 18 2011**
Bob McKenzie, Kennebunk Police
"Teen Drinking"
- Feb 25 2011**
Katey Foley Carey Cartwright
"Jobs for Maine Graduates"
- Mar 4 2011**
Cyrus Hagge
"Rotary Foundation Meeting"
- Mar 11 2011**
Victoria Rogers
"5-2-1-0 Program"
- Mar 18 2011**
Rick Snow
"Club Assembly"

Special Announcement:

**PLEASE REMEMBER:
ROTARY THIS WEEK
WILL BE AT THE
HOLIDAY INN BY THE
BAY!**

THIS WEEK: HUSSEY SEATING

by Erik Jorgensen

This Friday, we will meet Tim Hussey, the CEO of Hussey Seating, one of the oldest family-run businesses in Maine, one that is described as "The Global Leader in spectator seating solutions". Indeed, this company has been around a long time -Last year it celebrated its 175th anniversary.

Hussey was doing business 56 years before the invention of modern basketball; 45 years before the invention of football; 4 years before the invention of baseball and 40 years before the start of modern ice hockey. Yet today, from many of the largest stadiums in the United states right down to college and local basketball arenas, Hussey seats are the industry standard.

Hussey started as a plow company in 1835, then morphed into a fabricator of steel products such as ski jumps and stepladders before settling into the bleacher and grandstand business. Now, it makes 800 to 900 seating systems per year, for venues ranging from the New England Patriots' Gillette Stadium to school gymnasiums around the country.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS: A HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

by Erik Jorgensen

It seems some time ago that we were treated to a holiday musical mystery tour on our last meeting before the holidays with Russ

Mar 25 2011

Robert Clark - Social Security Admin
 "Social Security and You"

Upcoming Events

Pizza Bowl!
 Jan 30 2011

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Burleigh, Kathy Grammer, Queenie, and the Rotary singers, as we explored the history of many Christmas hymns and songs.

We heard about Benjamin Russel Hanby - an Ohio songwriter in the 19th Century, whose song "Up on a House Top" was perhaps the first in the genre of secular Christmas Songs. And like every good arranger, Russ has brought the song to the contemporary audience where it has the makings of a new classic - now Saint Nick is joined by the likes of Bill Blount, Elise Hodgdon, and Rick Snow. We learned how Hark the Herald Angels Sing was the work of a half dozen people; we heard about the history of Christmas Seals.

Another highlight was an acrobatic performance of the 12 Days of Christmas. Did you know what a calling bird was? It turns out, the etymology suggests that the term is, in fact, "colly bird" - which were likely blackbirds. And the 5 gold rings might have referred to a ring-necked pheasant. The song is really all about the birds!

This history led to a lively choreographed stunt performance, of singers standing and sitting as each of the twelve verses was sung. As Jim Willey was heard to say - "we may not win on musical quality, but we sure excel on enthusiasm."

And How! We left in a flood of good cheer.

BITS & PIECES

by Erik Jorgensen

New Members - the club's average age declined on Friday, as we welcomed two new members. **Chelsea Locke**, a second-generation REALTOR, a Falmouth High School / USM grad, whose service record has included time in Guatemala. She is a resident of Falmouth who enjoys running, Zumba and traveling.

We also welcomed **Ethan Johnson**, who grew up in greater Portland. He is employed by Delano Insurance, has driven cross country twice, visited his brother in Korea, and, at an earlier time, ran with the bulls at Pamplona. He lives in South Portland near Cash corner.

Loretta Rowe is growing increasingly desperate on bell ringing - but by the time you read this, the slots will be past, so we can only hope

that the bells were rung as planned.

Paul T Gore was the latest victim of the cruel and capricious two-headed Queen of Hearts, now hiding a jackpot worth close to \$1200. He chose the King of Hearts to the howls of all the assembled members.

Bill Blount took the podium to provide a tennis update and a second bite at the nominating committee apple - he introduced and thanked the committee offered as an amendment to last week's slate, the addition of Dave Snow and John Gaudet to the Service and Memorial Fund board. He also reviewed the slate from last week.

The assembled members voted on all applicants unanimously.

Russ Burleigh announced that his wife Joan Steinberg has produced 150 pairs of mittens which are to be donated to Winter Kids. This is a remarkable accomplishment, given that each pair takes more than 2 hours to make (which seems awfully fast!).

Russ then ceremoniously dumped 75 pairs on the floor to illustrate what they look like. Quite a gift!

In a Rotary Minute, **Cyrus Hagge** awarded a newly minted PHF to **Amy Chipman**, who has had contributions to Rotary each year that are as steady and dependable as her killer backhand on the tennis court. Amy, normally unflappable, was, well, flapped. Congratulations!

Finally, **ERIK JORGENSEN** takes all blame for the lateness of this week's Windjammer. Having spent a week in chilly Minnesota, he came back to Maine, and had forgotten all about his Rotary duties. Sorry Everyone!

THIS WEEK: WHO'S DOING WHAT?

by Elise Hodgkin

Registration	Catherine Holt
Meal Ticket Sales	Emily McEntee
Buffet Table Tickets	Bradford Kirkpatrick
Greeter	Bruce Jones
Raffle	Earle Leavitt
Invocateur	Mark Carpentier
Music	Russell Burleigh (<i>Kathleen Grammer</i>)

Sgt at Arms - Early

Malcolm Collins

Sgt at Arms - Late

Scott Blakeslee