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### 10/03/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Sep 27, 2014



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014**

**WE ARE MEETING AT**

**THE HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY**

### \*10/03/14 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, PETER JOHNSON, DIST. FOUNDATION CHAIR, PDG

Posted by Peter Goffin on Sep 27, 2014



This week we'll be joined by Peter Johnson, chair of our District Rotary Foundation Committee. Peter, District Governor 2001-02, and his wife Carolyn, District Governor 2012-13, are, in Peter's words unabashed "Rotary Overachievers." He'll be talking about our Rotary Foundation: a look at how it works, why it matters, and a bit of its history. It will be a great refresher – if not a learning opportunity, even for our long-timers - on how our Foundation works as a truly unique component of what makes Rotary International the special institution it is.

Did you know that it operates almost the same as if it were a non-profit savings and

loan on the local corner? Can you identify the event – 40 years after Rotary's founding – that provided the catalyst to turn the Foundation into what it is today? Do you contribute to any other non-profit where you, the member, through your club, get to determine how program monies are spent? Everyone else leaves those decisions to its Trustees.

Portland Rotary is rightfully proud of the work for many years in the Dominican Republic under the leadership of Roger and Liz Fagan. Our Rotary Foundation has played a significant role in much of that program's funding. This week will be a great opportunity to put it all in context.

### FOUNDATION NEWS

Posted by Amy Chipman on Sep 29, 2014

Peter Johnson, our District Foundation Chair will be our guest speaker at this week's Rotary meeting. If you still don't quite know what the Rotary

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Foundation is or how it works, you need to come to this meeting. Peter has a great way of explaining how our contributions work, where they go, how they come back to us and what we do with them. Our Rotary Foundation is very unique and you need to find out why!!

For those of you who are not yet Sustaining Members, (and you'll find out what that means Friday), we'll have a sign up right after the meeting.

Finally we have three members who want to start a 4<sup>th</sup> "Circle of Five" - Dick Hall, Charlie Frair and Justin Lamontagne. If you have an interest in joining these generous members, let me know. Just a reminder that a "Circle of Five" is a group of five members who contribute \$200 a year over a five-year period. Each year a "Circle" will contribute a total of \$1,000 to the Foundation, thus earning a Paul Harris Fellow for one of the members of the group, which is picked out of a hat. Join a "Circle," it's fun!!!

### 09/26/14 Nan Heald, Pine Tree Legal - The Last Resort Posted by John Marr on Sep 27, 2014



Never does a day go by when we don't hear of a court case that is making the news. The prominent personalities with wealth, glitz and glamour get to make choices and can often find an attorney who is well suited to protect their legal rights. However, the indigent or even the "common man" is hard pressed to get the type of counsel they need, let alone prefer. We all know that the poor are under-served and vulnerable when it comes to the justice system in our country.

Consequently, in the mid 1960's some Washington visionaries made a call to our member, Don Lowry, and asked that he assemble a group of attorneys to represent "poor" people in civil matters. Don reached out among the legal profession and with a meager amount of \$188,000 in seed money, the foundation of Pine Tree Legal (PTL) was formed.

It was only appropriate that Don introduced our guest speaker, Nan Heald, Esq., the current Executive Director of Maine's Pine Tree Legal Assistance program. Nan is a Maine native who achieved academic acclaim at Smith and then George Washington University School of Law. Nan follows not only in the footsteps of Barrister Lowry, but also Senator Angus King and a number of prominent jurists. The lonely starting group of only a couple of attorneys has grown to 9 offices throughout the state and gets by on a tight budget and a good deal of pro bono legal work by some of the state's finest firms.

The primary constituency of PTL are the "working poor," the disabled, and military veterans. PTL will help their clients navigate the labyrinth of law to make sure that everyone gets a fair hearing and the "rule of law" established in the preamble of our Constitution is realized. While the Constitution has a long history, it wasn't until 1967 that the intent of the preamble was being vigorously carried out. It's hard to believe that we had debtors prisons and no fair housing laws prior to the formation of PTL. The group is at the vanguard of the social effort to make law open to the public and in that vein, they created the second legal aid website in the United States.

Nan stated four actual cases which emphasized the importance of having proper legal advocacy. As hard as it might be to believe, there are many who just don't know how to ask for help. That point was driven home by the story of Arland, suffering from severe mental illness, who was rescued from the brink of disaster by getting the mental health care he needed due to the efforts of PTL. Instead of costing the state tens of thousands of dollars in institutional care, he was rehabilitated and became independent, once again. A similar simple miracle was that of a woman struggling to pay for food, accepting 28 cents from a stranger that she needed to finish paying for her groceries, and then being told that by accepting that money she had exceeded income rules for public assistance and would lose two-months' worth of assistance. Needless to say, PTL got that decision reversed. The success record of PTL is impressive with over 6,500 protection-from-abuse orders obtained and a 90% success rate in the cases forced to trial.

PTL is a prime example of what industrious Mainers can do with a limited budget, boundless energy and creativity. For more information please refer to the websites: [PTLA.org](http://PTLA.org) or [statesidelegal.org](http://statesidelegal.org).

#### 09/26/14 Bits & Pieces

Posted by Erik Jorgensen on Sep 29, 2014

On Sunday, **Rusty Atwood** participated in a little-known, but long-standing Portland tradition, the game of "Em-Ball" (whose name is complex and obscure), in which a bunch of neighborhood friends gather on the last Sunday of September on the tennis courts behind Deering High School ("the field") to play their version of street ball. The game features a tennis ball, no gloves, wooden bats, rules similar to the vintage baseball game; as catching the ball after one bounce is an out, variations based on the constraints of the tennis court, etc.



**Peter Goffin and Harold Crabill** were happy to announce that everyone in the club was an honorary member of the Membership Committee and we were on a goal to bring in 100 new members before our Centennial Celebration in September 2015. It's easy to ask someone to join you for lunch....bring them to Rotary

and let them see what a fun group we are....they will want to be a part of us.....and they will be glad you asked them!

**President Kris** offered an opportunity to contribute to "Happy Dollars" (actually \$10) to anyone who wanted to brag about why they were happy. The takers:

- **President Kris** - He was happy because he feels he has the "BEST" committee chairs;
- **Peter Goffin** - He had won the sustaining PHF from the last two "Happy Dollars" contributions and felt he wanted to give something back;
- **Harold Crabill** - "Happy Harold" as he was known in college, was happy that his wife has made an almost 100% recovery from the appendicitis of two weeks ago;
- **Dick Giles** - Got another Florida Rotary Club (Palm Beach) to join in on the 3-H projects;
- **Rob Chatfield** - He's happy because Harold's happy (and we were very happy to see Rob);

- **Mike Kerrigan** (visiting Rotarian from Kent, Ohio) - He was happy because he was on vacation, on a cruise and happy to be with us.

Let's see....that put us at \$60 for "Happy Dollars" contributions. **President Kris** said he would leave the money on the front table and hoped that the amount would somehow grow before the end of the meeting. (It did grow to \$105.) He indicated that the funds would go towards the purchase of wool yarn, which would be given to **Russ Burleigh's** wife, Joan Steinberg, for the annual knitting of mittens she does for the needy children of the area. Great job everyone...especially to JOAN!

Speaking of visiting Rotarians above - we had possibly our first guest at Rotary who arrived by sea: **Mike Kerrigan** from Kent, Ohio. Mike joined us, having walked up from his cruise ship in Portland Harbor. He found himself embarrassed not to have worn his Rotary pin, but that was quickly remedied when our **1st Vice President Bowen Depke** gave up his lapel pin for Mike.



**President Kris** then reported to the members regarding the Board of Directors addressing the issues of Membership Dues and Attendance. (A separate email will be sent to all members of the club stating the results. If you would like a printed copy at this coming Friday's meeting, please contact Loretta.)

**Kathy Grammer's** name was front and center on Saturday evening as the Kotzschmar Organ, fresh back from a \$2.5M restoration, blew the lid off of Merrill Auditorium during its triumphant return concert. Portland Rotary was prominently

listed among the donors to the project, and many of our members were in attendance. **Erik Jorgensen, Rusty Atwood** and **Gene Story** were all in the same section of the balcony, just to name a few.

**Jim Willey** continues to look for a few good people to dig into the Rotary Minutes as part of our centennial celebration and glean interesting facts from our Club in years past. If you'd like to take a year, see **Jim** and he'll set you up.



**President Kris** announced that Preble Street Resource Center requested that our club solely support a volunteer night each month at their center to serve dinner to the recipients of the soup kitchen. Right now we are sharing a night with the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club. If we can successfully have 10-12 of our members volunteer each month to help, we would consider the request. If you feel you want and can commit this one night each month, please contact **Steve Stromsky** at: [stevan\\_j\\_stromsky@keybank.com](mailto:stevan_j_stromsky@keybank.com)

Much to her surprise and delight, at the end of her program, Nan Heald, was presented with a Paul Harris Award from the Portland Rotary Club for her work and dedication with Pine Tree Legal Assistance.



#### 10/03/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 27, 2014



**Invoker:** Alan Nye  
**Program/Speaker Reporter:** Julie L'Heureux  
**Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Bob Martin  
**Registration:** Rusty Atwood  
**Meal Ticket Sales:** Loretta Rowe  
**Greeter:** Matt Tasse  
**Raffle:** Ellen Niewoehner  
**Music - Song Leader:** Steve Ditmer  
**Piano Player:** Kathy Grammer  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Early:** Jake Bourdeau  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Late:** Chase Bowker

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 27, 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:

- 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 Sep 27, 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.

#### **Laughable!**

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Sep 29, 2014



**There's always Disney World!**

The alternative to a vacation is to stay home and tip every third person you see!

#### **FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 9/29/14)**

Posted by William Blount on Sep 29, 2014

#### **THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 9/29/14)**

Three weeks ago we started our twenty-second year of league play. So far, team parity is looking pretty good. With 8 points possible, Jim Barn's team took five and the last-place teams are only two points behind. Tom Nickerson has been subbing for the rehabbing Roger Fagan. We're all having fun! See you on the courts!

<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>TEAM 3</b>	<b>TEAM 4</b>	<b>TEAM 5</b>	<b>TEAM 6</b>
<b>J Barns</b>	<b>S Blakeslee</b>	<b>B Lowry</b>	<b>J Bourdeau</b>	<b>L Gross</b>	<b>D Seddon</b>
D Hall	F Thompson	J Young	B Blount	K Ray	P Noyes

A Chipman	T Nickerson	B Moore	H Herodes	C Bowker	D Putnam
J Carr	L Young	K Grammer	H Sawyer	R Burleigh	E Jorgensen
<b>5</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>

**Missed a Program? Catch it on CTN Cable TV!**

Posted by David Smith on Sep 27, 2014



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!