

Rotary Club of Portland Maine The Windjammer

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THIS WEEK: KIEVE-WAVUS EXPLORING & LEARNING

bv John Marr

Future Speakers

Oct 29 2010

Kelly McDonald
"Murray, Plumb and Murray"

Nov 5 2010

Harry McMann
"Systems Engineering"

Nov 12 2010

Larry Catlett, MD
"Occupational Medical Consulting"

Nov 19 2010

Vaughn Stinson
"Maine Tourism Council"

Nov 26 2010

Happy Thanksgiving! "No Club Meeting"

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Kieve (kee-ave') is a Celtic verb which means to strive in emulation of – to work hard to acquire skills, knowledge, and attitudes from others so as to improve yourself. **Wavus** (wah-vus) was a revered legendary chief, who with his people inhabited the Point long ago. Now that you know this much you'll want to learn even more. At Friday's meeting our guest speaker, Richard Kennedy, will fill you in on the vision and influence of one of Maine's foremost camping and learning facilities.

The camp focuses on educating and empowering young people and adults to contribute positively to society. Kieve fosters spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth in order to increase self-confidence, raise personal aspirations, and generate enthusiasm for life-long learning. Working at their spectacular camps on Damariscotta Lake, in the wilderness, in schools, and in communities, they promote the values of teamwork, kindness, respect, and environmental stewardship. Certainly attributes we need in our current confused and struggling society.

LAST WEEK: JUMP-STARTING THE MANUFACTURING ENGINE

by Mark Carpentier

Clearly, it has not been rainbows and unicorns for the manufacturing sector, either in Maine or in the rest of the country. But, Lisa Martin, who is the director of the Manufacturer's Association of Maine, is doing everything she can to encourage and enhance bio-medical, metal, electronic, plastic/composite, food and advanced textile manufacturers in this state.

Over 57,000 people are employed in these industries and average a weekly paycheck of \$857. These companies represent \$5.5 billion of Maine's GDP and about 10.5% of the state's employment. A related ancillary group, the Manufacturers Association of Aerospace Companies employs over 7,500 people in Maine with weekly wages that are 28% higher.

The goal of the Association is to increase manufacturer capabilities and increase their workload. The Association works in both the private and public sectors to increase collaboration and capabilities. For example:

• The Association works closely with the Department of Labor to identify and meet manufacturers' needs.

- The 76 companies that make up the Maine Aerospace Alliance, which includes Pratt & Whitney works closely with the University of Maine and the Metal Engineering and Technology organization.
- The Medical Device Manufacturers utilizes the University of Southern Maine and the Bio-Science Association of Maine. The Association can find talent, technology and solve production problems with Maine based companies and organizations.

Lisa left us with one sobering point, which she believes is the number one difficulty Maine manufacturers face: technology growth outpaces education growth. Maine's workforce just isn't prepared to fill the position manufacturers have to offer today. These are not assembly line jobs but positions that require skilled people with strong math and engineering backgrounds to run complex machinery. There are many challenges for Maine's manufacturers but you can see that Lisa Martin will do everything she can to get the job done.

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RICK POST: MAY OUR GENTLE WARRIOR REST IN PEACE

Rick Post, was a gentleman, a kind person, but also a warrior. He fought for his country in the jungles of Viet Nam and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Rick was proud of his service and sensitive to the impact it had on his life. He was born in Boston but moved about the northeast as part of his work. He was delighted to finally be able to settle in Maine and enjoy the quietude of life on the lake in Casco. He loved working at North Yarmouth Academy and only





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recently retired from his finance position with the school. He took great pride, every year, when a student from NYA would be honored with the Youth Service Award. As a warrior, he battled cancer for years and seemed to have won a victory. But, fate was unkind and the dastardly disease recently returned in full fury and on Wednesday, October 6th he could fight no more and succumbed. Rick's service was held at St Luke's Church on Friday, October 15, 2010 and was well attended by Portland Rotary Club members.

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP END POLIO

Dear Rotarian,

As you may know, Sunday, 24 October 2010 is **World Polio Day**. In honor of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is happy to announce 2 for 1 recognition points for every online contribution of US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus during 18-24 October 2010, Central Standard Time.

Rotarians may go to www.rotary.org/contribute http://echo4.bluehornet.com /ct/8972446:11082428691:m:1:780947137:8DB82EA064476C82D03598FB3ECBE8EF> to make their online contribution. You will need to have registered with Rotary's Member Access. Through Member Access, Rotarians are able to access online services and features. Rotarians may register for Member Access at www.rotary.org/memberaccess http://echo4.bluehornet.com /ct/8972447:11082428691:m:1:780947137:8DB82EA064476C82D03598FB3ECBE8EF>

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We expect to have a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional points to appear. Once the promotional points have appeared in their accounts, donors may request their recognition materials.

I hope you will join me in contributing online to PolioPlus in honor of World Polio Day. Together we will End Polio Now.

Sincerely,

John T. Osterlund, General Manager

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

BITS AND PIECES

by John Marr

TOO FEW BITS AND GONE TO PIECES

Despite the best laid plans of mice and men, sometimes, things just don't seem to fall into place. It seems that your Editor in Chief, **John Marr**, has lost his touch and things have not been going to plan with the production and publishing of the Windjammer. I apologize for the problems we've faced and my failure to live up to the high standards we've achieved with the Windjammer over the years. I will continue to plug along and make a concerted effort to get it up to par. However, I can not do it alone and seek your input, particularly with respect to the Bits & Pieces column, to spice it up. When you hear of something of interest involving a Rotarian (like a nice trip they are going on or something great their kid has done or a special accomplishment or recognition they've received) just send it to me at:

jmarr@memic.com I appreciate your understanding and support!

DON'T FORGET TO DOUBLE YOUR POINTS TO ERADICATE POLIO!

World Polio Day is October 24, 2010 and in honor of the event The Rotary Foundation is doubling your Paul Harris Fellow recognition points if you contribute \$100 during the week of October 18 to 24.

Don't miss out on this two-fer and make your contribution on line at the Rotary Foundation website. Call **Cyrus Hagge or John Marr** if you need more information, or go directly to the Rotary International website: **www.rotary.org/en/EndPolio/Pages/ridefault.aspx**

A SPECIAL SMALL PACKAGE!

So, you think you're busy and have trouble making it to meetings? Don't complain to **MERIDITH SMALL!** She had a huge Friday. She began by doing the introduction of visiting guests and Rotarians and then had to lead us in song when there weren't any song books on the tables. However, she was inspired and lead us without any piano accompaniment in Happy Birthday to Natale, her 7 pounf granddaughter who joined the family that morning. Congratulations!

THE KIDS AND CLAWS DINNER

Kris Rosado knows how to fill a room and a roster. He's undertaking a special dinner for the Portland Red Claws basketball team, as a fund raiser, and he needed a few more volunteers to help make it a success. Before he sat down he had more than enough help. Good luck with the event, Kris.

LA DOLCE VINO!

It's so great to have **Mike Fortunato** back where he belongs! It seems like he's been traveling forever and been everywhere. Maybe it's because that's the way it's been. Mike, his wife, and 3 other couples recently visited bella Italia and toured the Amalfi coast and rented a villa in the Tuscan region. He claims to have enjoyed more wine in three weeks than many consume in 3 months. Multo bene, Michael!

THE LAW IS THE LAW: THE RULE OF 85 REVISITED!

I recently alerted you to a leniency the Rotary Council on Legislation amended in May of 2010 which is colloquially referred to as the Rule of 85. Loretta Rowe, God bless her soul, has offered further guidance on the law:

....the **age of the member is65** and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of Rotary membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more.....

So if you were not born in late 1945 (turning 65 this year) or before, you would not qualify no matter how many years you have as a member in Rotary.

THE ANTE KEEPS GOING UP!

John Gaudet, who was introducing this weeks speaker, was given the chance to win over \$700 by drwing the Queen of hearts. John wanted the pot to grow, we suspect, because he selected the 4 of hearts. Close to \$800 next week!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(if you have an or know of an upcoming event that is likely to be of interest to Portland Rotary Club members, please send the information along to John Marr at jmarr@memic.com)

WHO's DOING WHAT THIS WEEK:

by Elise Hodgkin

Editor George Crockett Bits & Pieces Hilda Taylor Registration **Bruce Jones** Meal Ticket Sales Bradford Kirkpatrick **Buffet Table Tickets** Michelle Mitchell Greeter **Emily McEntee** Raffle Earle Leavitt Invocateur Thomas Nickerson Music Kathleen Grammer Sgt at Arms - Early Malcolm Collins Sgt at Arms - Late Scott Blakeslee