



Rotary Club of Portland Maine The Windjammer

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TOMORROW: LISA MARTON ON MANUFACTURING IN MAINE

by John Gaudet

Future Speakers

Oct 22 2010
Richard Kennedy
"Camp Kieve"

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"

The value of jobs and the companies who provide them is a more top of mind issue today, than say five years ago. This Friday you can meet Lisa G. Martin the executive director of the Manufacturer's Association of Maine as she speaks about the state of manufacturing here in Maine.

Lisa Martin leads the effort to build the Manufacturing Association and in turn help Maine be economically strong. She is focused on economic development, membership growth and developing liaisons with business leaders and state and national agencies. She holds a BA from USM, a Master of Science degree in Community Economic Development and an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University. See you this Friday and learn about the state of manufacturing in Maine.

LAST WEEK: LES OTTEN, PELLET FUEL FOR MAINE

by Erik Jorgensen

Last week, we heard from Maine entrepreneur Les Otten, who filled us in on the state of the art relating to Maine's Thermal biomass industry. Otten's business is wood pellet heating, and it is predicated on the facts that 80% of Maine homes heat with oil, costing \$1.1 billion per year. \$849 million of this cost leaves our economy immediately to line the pockets of out of state and out of country interests.

And of course, add to this that the supply of oil is vanishing, and will only be getting more expensive - one model predicts that by 2026, a barrel of oil could sell for as much as \$900, and even the most conservative estimates indicate a price of around three times the current value.

Enter wood pellets. For every 100,000 tons of pellets produced and used in Maine, 241 jobs are created, and \$24.6 million in new money to the Maine economy is generated. If 10% of Maine residences burned pellets, Maine could easily produce enough pellets to provide such a level sustainably. Maine has lots of excess mill capacity. What's more, pellet burning results in a serious net reduction of emissions compared to the equivalent amount of oil. Pellet furnaces do not even produce a discernible amount of smoke.

Otten noted that there is no silver energy bullet for Maine - our state is going to need to harness everything it can, from wind, to solar, to nuclear, to natural gas, to wood pellets, to help maintain abundant and affordable energy. It is not going to be an easy transition, but our forests do provide us with a competitive advantage in the area of thermal biomass.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

by Loretta Rowe

"DO YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR THE 'Rule of 85' ?

A member's absence from Club meetings shall be excused IF the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the Club's Secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

If you think you qualify, please contact Loretta Rowe (Club Secretary) IN WRITING (email is okay) to request this status. You will be excused from attendance, so the Club does not get penalized for your absence from meetings, but you will still be a full member with dues-paying responsibilities."

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WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK:

by Elise Hodgkin

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| Editor | Kathleen Grammer |
| Bits & Pieces | Eric Lusk |
| Registration | Herbert Carmichael |
| Meal Ticket Sales | Malcolm Collins |
| Buffet Table Tickets | John Curran |
| Greeter | John Gaudet |
| Raffle | David Ciullo |
| Invocateur | Garvey MacLean |
| Music | Michelle Mitchell (<i>Russell Burleigh</i>) |
| Sgt at Arms - Early | Eric Lusk |
| Sgt at Arms - Late | James Willey |