

# The Windjammer

## News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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#### 10/31/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Oct 25, 2014



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014**

**WE ARE MEETING AT**

**THE CLARION HOTEL**

#### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 26, 2014

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THIS WEEKEND.....**

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

**ON SUNDAY, NOV. 2ND**

#### \*10/31/14 ME HISTORICAL SOCIETY/PORLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY - A CULTURAL COLLABORATION ON CONGRESS STREET

Posted by Robert Atwood on Oct 25, 2014

Two of Portland's most important and venerable institutions of literacy and culture, the Maine Historical Society and Portland Public Library are virtual neighbors on Congress Street. Together with the Maine College of Art, situated in the iconic Porteous, Mitchell and Braun building, they form the foundation of a burgeoning cultural corridor along the historic central business artery of the city.

As directors of their respective institutions, Steve Bromage and Steve Podgajny will speak about the recent collaboration that permitted a more permanent and appropriate storage and preparation facility for their ever-growing collections, while at the same time, freeing up critical space in their respective buildings for more public access and use by patrons in the downtown area.

Steve Bromage is Executive Director of the Maine Historical Society where he has worked since 2001. Steve has helped guide the development of the Maine Memory Network, a statewide digital museum that has received national recognition for its innovative approach to providing access to historical resources and engaging communities in local, state, and national history. Previously, Steve was Associate Director of the online Disability History Museum and helped produce the award-winning NPR documentary *Beyond Affliction: The Disability History Project*. Steve and his wife Jackie have three kids....Ella (10), Owen (8), and Wyatt (6)....and love to hike and be

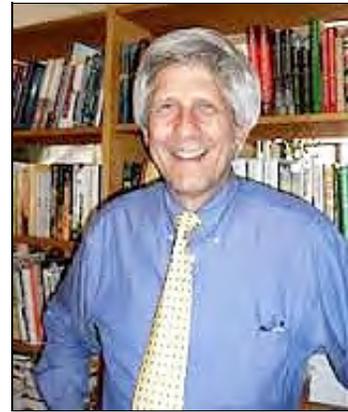
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outdoors. In his all-too-spare free time, Steve restores and rides antique motorcycles and other vehicles.



Steve Podgajny has been the executive director of the Portland Public Library since 2006. Prior to that, he directed the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick,

ME for 18 years and the Dyer Library / York Institute Museum (now Saco Museum) in Saco, ME for 6 years. He was named Maine Librarian of the Year in 2000, in recognition of his distinguished record of professional service, both to libraries and the broader civic and cultural domains.

Steve served on the Board of the Maine Humanities Council, Advisory Council for Maine Writers & Publishers and currently serves on the Board of Good Will Hinckley, which oversees the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences and the executive committee of Portland ConnectEd, a collaboration of eight public and private school and community organizations. He has also served on numerous other boards concerning health, education, fitness and cultural interests, in addition to working as a planning consultant for libraries and museums.

In July 2014 he was named by Maine Magazine as one of 50 Mainers shaping the state.

### 10/24/14 Getting to Know You...

Posted by Alan Nye on Oct 25, 2014

**Peter Goffin** introduced 4 members of Portland Rotary who each took the podium and told us about themselves, so that those in attendance could get to know them a little better. He deftly chose a cross section of members of various ages who had joined the club in diverse years.

The first speaker was **Sarah Joy**, who became a Portland Rotarian in 2013. Sarah was quick to point out that although she is new to our club, she was a Rotarian in Bangor for 4 years before joining us. Sarah spoke about 5 impactful things in her life: 1) Community – She grew up in a small Maine town (Winter Harbor). The community was so small in fact that she considered her community to be synonymous with family; 2) Family – She grew up in a close-knit family and knows that as a mother and wife, family life is extremely important; 3) Work – Sarah worked even as a young child helping out in the family store and often carried 2-3 jobs when she was growing up. She's not afraid of hard work; 4) Constant Motion – Sarah is not one to sit idly on the sidelines and is someone who is always moving. She loves her job; and 5) Positive Attitude – Sarah has always seen the glass as half full, not half empty. Her positive attitude has helped her get to where she is now and will always be a major part of her personality.

**Matt Tasse**y became a Portland Rotarian in 1986. When he joined Portland Rotary, Peter Barnard was President of the club and there were approximately 220 members. Matt became a Rotarian when he was 35 (he was "one of the young guys") and said that he believes it was a different era back then – the club was filled with executives and men who were the pillars

of the community. Matt said that you didn't join Rotary, "you were invited." One of the major differences back then was that there were no women in the club. After a Supreme Court decision in essence outlawed male-only clubs, Portland Rotarians discussed the issue and quickly decided to admit women, with Jane Schurz becoming our first female member. Matt acknowledged that the addition of women has been a wonderful and positive addition to our club.

**Rich Campbell** was the next member to speak and he joined the club in 2000. Rich was sponsored by Dick Hall and noted that Roxane Cole was President of the club when he became a Portland Rotarian. Rich talked about growing up in Newark, New Jersey and living in New York and Philadelphia during his youth. He was a biology major in college and after a graduate school degree in geology, he came back to Maine and lived at home until he was able to get a job. In 1999, he started his own company and now helps folks through the labyrinth of DEP and other regulations. Rich told an amusing story of doing away with television in his home 2 years ago and now listens to baseball games with his rubber ducky ear buds.

Last, but not least, was our upcoming Rotary President, **Bowen Depke**. Bowen joined Rotary in 2005. He grew up in Illinois, the youngest of 7 children. He also was no stranger to hard work when he was young and enjoyed being a 3-sport athlete in high school. Bowen seriously injured his knee as a senior, so sports were not an option in college. After obtaining a geology degree, he moved to Hawaii to compete in triathlons. He went to graduate school in Chicago and majored in finance. He worked at Deutsche Bank for several years then went to Australia where he met an amazing woman wearing a Syracuse University shirt at a bus stop at 2 a.m. After a 3-year long distance romance, they went to South America together and then got married. Bowen and his wife lived in England for awhile and in 2004 decided to move to Maine with their two children, dog and 13 suitcases. He's happy with the decision and has never looked back since.

It appeared that everyone present at the meeting enjoyed hearing about our members and would like to keep doing this type of program on a regular basis. Getting to know you is fun.



Photo at left: Rich Campbell, 1st Vice President Bowen Depke, Emcee and PP Peter Goffin, Sarah Joy, and Matt Tasse

#### 10/24/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 26, 2014

**President Kris** opened the meeting welcoming everyone. **Carl Spang** gave us the invocation, we said our Pledge to the flag and then sang our patriotic song.

Five visiting guests were introduced, three of which are considering membership in our Rotary club: Andrew Kraus (Portland), Lisa DeSisto (N. Yarmouth), Troy Malbon (Topsham), Carol Aten (Portland) and Linda Zillman (Portland). We also had five visiting Rotarians: Catherine Wygant-Fossett (Boothbay Harbor - former Portland Rotarian), Anne-Marie Davee (Freeport), Donna Sheedy (South Portland Sunrise) and Dave Schildwachter (Yonkers), who arrived on a cruise ship and exchanged his club banner with one of ours.



In photo above right: Dave Schildwachter exchanging club banners with President Kris.



**Anne Fisher** made a request for volunteers to help with the packing of medical equipment that will take place on November 8, 2014. For more information, please contact her at: [annefisher9551@gmail.com](mailto:annefisher9551@gmail.com)

The weekly raffle was conducted by **David Clough**, with a pot of \$433. **Sarah Joy's** name was pulled from the container, but she couldn't find the Queen of Hearts.

So the pot continues to grow.

In lieu of singing our second song, we had a "*Happy Dollars*" bragging event:

1. **Steve Ditmer** was happy that the Salvation Army was celebrating 130 years in Portland.
2. **Janelle LoSciuto** was happy that Circle K was donating the proceeds from selling paper pumpkins for Halloween to the March of Dimes .
3. **Elise Hodgkin** was happy that her son was accepted at the college in Copenhagen.
4. **Mike Reed** was happy that one of his sons became engaged and the other son had just passed the bar.
5. **Don Zillman** was happy that he had picked up his wife, Linda, at the airport coming in from New Mexico and she was at the meeting with us.
6. **Alex St. Hilaire** was happy to have attended the District Membership/Foundation where he learned a lot about membership ideas and got to know other Rotarians, in the District, as well as some of our own members who also attended.
7. **Peter Goffin** was happy to have 2 guests with him at the meeting who have applied for membership in our club; plus while at the District Membership session of the seminar last Wednesday, each Rotarian was paired off with a buddy and asked to do something nice for them this week...Peter did so by making a donation of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in Sam Heck's (Portland Sunrise RC) name.
8. **Rusty Atwood** was happy about the Giraffe awards.
9. **Kris Rosado** was happy he was going duck hunting on Saturday, after a challenging week of changing jobs.

\$80 was raised from "*Happy Dollars*," which will go towards a Paul Harris Sustaining Fellow Award for Rusty Atwood (name picked at random from all the "happy" people who contributed).



Photo at left: Happy Dollar contributors (L to R): Alex St. Hilaire, Janelle LoSciuto, Rusty Atwood, Elise Hodgkin, Don Zillman, Mike Reed, Steve Ditmer, President Kris Rosado, and PP Peter Goffin

### 10/31/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 26, 2014



- Invoker:** Garvey MacLean
- Program/Speaker Reporter:** Bob Martin
- Bits & Pieces Reporter:** Bill Blount
- Registration:** Becky Wright
- Meal Ticket Sales:** Tom Nickerson
- Greeter:** Christine Force
- Raffle:** Dick Giles
- Music - Song Leader:** Janelle LoSciuto
- Piano Player:** None
- Sgt-at-Arms - Early:** Peter Ingram
- Sgt-at-Arms - Late:** Scott Blakeslee

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 26, 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 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 at: lrowe@maine.rr.com



### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 26, 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.

**FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 10/21/14)**

Posted by William Blount on Oct 21, 2014

**THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 10/21/14)**

The matches are tightening up. After Week 6, Dave Seddon's team has now tied Jim Barns and company. Just three points separate the first from the last place teams. See you on the courts!

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
J Barns	S Blakeslee	B Lowry	J Bourdeau	L Gross	D Seddon
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
9	7	6	7	7	9

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

Posted by David Smith on Oct 26, 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!