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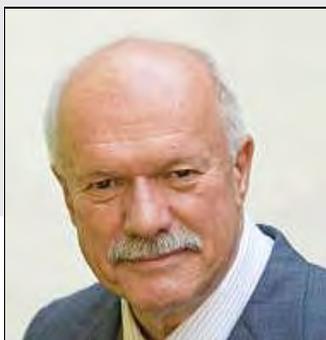


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

**WE ARE MEETING AT
THE HOLIDAY INN-BY-THE-BAY**

*11/14/14 USM - David Flanagan, President

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 10, 2014



David T. Flanagan, President of the University of Southern Maine, will be our featured speaker this Friday. Mr. Flanagan is a widely respected business and policy leader and was chosen to head a critical transition of an institution that serves Maine's two largest urban regions.

President Flanagan's long service to Maine has included fifteen years with Central Maine Power, the state's largest public utility. As President of CMP, Mr. Flanagan led the

response to the 1998 Ice Storm, Maine's largest natural disaster, safely closed the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, kept rate increases below the rate of inflation, and increased customer satisfaction from 44% at the start of his tenure to an industry leading 92%.

Over the course of his career David Flanagan has been an Assistant Maine Attorney General and served as Chief Legal Counsel to Maine Governor Joseph Brennan. In 2005 U.S. Senator Susan Collins appointed Mr. Flanagan to lead the Homeland Security Committee's investigation into the U.S. Government's response to the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina.

President Flanagan is a former member and Chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and led the 2009 Task Force on the Structure and Governance of the University of Maine System. Meeting new challenges, setting new directions, the report issued by that panel offered prophetic assessments of the fiscal and organizational challenges facing public higher education in Maine today.

In announcing the appointment of President Flanagan, university leaders made it clear that the University of Southern Maine faces grave fiscal and enrollment challenges that include a projected \$12.5 million budget deficit for the next fiscal year and a 10% drop in credit hours over the last six years.

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University of Maine System Chancellor James Page, stated, "The Board of Trustees and I have asked David Flanagan, one of Maine's most accomplished and respected leaders, to serve as USM's interim president, balance its budget and set the university on the right track for the future."

In his remarks Chancellor Page laid out five objectives for the incoming president:

- Rebuild trust and productively align campuses around common objectives
- Close USM's projected \$12.5 million budget gap in the next fiscal year
- Begin implementation of the Metropolitan University Model
- Strengthen USM's relationships and standing throughout the region
- Lay a foundation for success for USM's permanent president

David Flanagan began his tenure as President at the University of Southern Maine on July 28, 2014. He will serve in this position until a permanent president arrives on campus...a search process that got underway this fall with a goal of having a permanent leader in place by the middle of 2015.

While Mr. Flanagan's service is temporary, university leaders made it clear that he was recruited and tasked to lead a significant organizational change at USM with the unanimous support of the Board of Trustees.

11/07/14 Entrepreneurship - John Coleman, CEO The VIA Agency

Posted by Cyrus Hagge on Nov 10, 2014

John Coleman, who spoke at our November 7th meeting, believes in entrepreneurs. They make things happen; their skills set them apart from others. They have drive, ideas, differentiation, passion, make decisions, execute, and grow. Creativity is the secret of a great entrepreneur and John Coleman is a

very creative guy.



Growing up in Maine, he completed his degree in engineering only to discover that he was a "B" level engineer and would have to work twice as hard as the other people in his office to survive. The engineering career path wasn't going to do it for him, and after a short stint in the field, he decided to follow his heart and start an ad agency.

It wasn't easy telling his wife that he was quitting his secure job to follow a dream of starting, without any experience, an advertising agency. Nevertheless, the VIA Agency has been a remarkable success story. Working for companies such as Welch's, Unilever, Ameritrade, Maine Beer Co., Klondike Bars and Samsung Electronics, VIA has become well situated in the advertising world.

John is an entrepreneur at heart and with his creative drive, he decided that he would take up painting. "What will I do on a blank slate?" Using his aptitude and amusement for the creative process, he undertook the journey to be a painter. He discovered that he loved it and was able to find his own style. As John said, "Differentiation is to stand out on your own, tell your own story, find your passion and find something different." John's foray in the painting was just that.

Using photographs of his paintings, John weaved his theory of entrepreneurship throughout his presentation.....

Decision-Making: Your brain is a geek, your heart is a sap, follow your gut. Hire good consultants, explain the issue and hear yourself. You know where to go. You may not know it in your brain, but in your gut you do.

Execution: Constructive constraints make for greater creativity.

Growth: Love your mistakes. Failure is part of growth. Respect the effort, honor the process and learn from it.

Management: Kind Candor. Be honest and kind to get people to prefer honesty.

New Business: Invest in good karma. Listen - respect - be kind.

Believe!: In yourself.

John Coleman lives and breathes what he believes in. Entrepreneurship runs through his veins and when given the chance to take a 6-week sabbatical, he went to work. Applying the very principles of his work at VIA to learning how to paint, John was able to create a body of work and have a fun time doing it. By the end of John's sabbatical, his paintings were actually getting "pretty good." There were a lot of mistakes, but as he applied his entrepreneurial skills to his painting, his work progressed. By the end of his 6 weeks, he completed a substantial quantity of work. For his last set of paintings, he painted the lobster boats out in the harbor. Late one night, he and his daughter went out and stealthily placed the paintings on the respective lobster boats that he had painted. "I'm hoping that if I ever have motor trouble out at sea, one of the lobstermen will come to rescue me."

John was a tremendous speaker and all of us who heard him came away with a better understanding of the creative process and entrepreneurship.

11/07/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Garvey MacLean on Nov 10, 2014

President Kris Rosado called us to order; **Carl Spang** offered an invocation and **Bill Blount** led us in a stirring rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

President Kris then introduced four visiting Rotarians and eight guests. **Harold Crabill** added his welcome to our guests and thanked our members for their efforts to bring friends to Rotary, then urged us all to keep up the good work.



On the eve of her departure to St John's where she will reside for the next six months, (snow bird) **Meredith Small** offered a "Happy Dollar" for no pregnancies in her family, for twenty-seven years as a member of Rotary and for seventeen years of retirement.

Having participated in the recent "Bridge The Gap" event held in

Portsmouth, **Juliana L'Heureux** presented **President Kris** and **Amy Chipman**, as Foundation Chair, with



fire-house red “END POLIO NOW” tee-shirts.



Bill Blount led us in the song “Be Proud,” sung to the tune of the U.S. Army’s anthem: “The Caissons go Rolling Along.” The lyrics were adapted by **President Kris** in 1998 for his former Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Beach:

*All day long, things go best
When you use the Four-Way test
And be proud that you’re in Rotary*

*Helping those who have less
Only then can we progress
And be proud that you’re in Rotary*

*All around the globe, we will travel every road
Helping those who are in need*

*So for health and wealth
Service Above Self
And be proud that you’re in Rotary!*



Amy Chipman introduced Dave Talbot as “the pre-speaker.” The leader of the *Crutches4Africa* project gave us an update and called for continued efforts at rounding up crutches, wheel chairs, walkers, canes, and air-cast boots. Keep looking in attics, garages, barns or wherever folks have retired their no-longer-needed mobility aids. Each of the donated units cost \$3.00 to ship. The fourth container from Maine to Africa goes out this month. It will bring the number of persons served by Northern New England Rotary

Clubs to 12,000. There are many folks – young and old – in Africa who still need our help.

Ron Bennett conducted this week’s raffle with the pot at \$468. **Tony Manhart’s** name was drawn and he tried to find the queen of hearts, but in vain, he drew the six of diamonds. The pot continues to get larger.

Peter Goffin introduced a new member: **Esther Hickman**, who hails from Inglewood, California, is a graduate of UCLA with a degree in musical performance. For ten years she served as a Christie’s Great Estate affiliate and now works in the Keller Williams Luxury Division. **Esther** and her husband Keith own and operate the Clark Street Deli & Market at the corner of Clark and Danforth Streets. She is an active volunteer as a music minister for funerals of low-income families, and as a soup kitchen/shelter volunteer. She has started and led support groups for persons suffering from Spondylitis. **Esther** is also a board member of the Park Place Block Association.

Laura Young introduced another new member, **Carol Walker Aten**, who recently moved from New Hampshire where she was a member and past president of the Exeter Rotary Club. She is a Senior Consultant for *Lift 360*, which is a nonprofit that offers a continuum of programs, including consulting services that help non profits successfully address their challenges and issues, as well as take advantage of new opportunities. Her husband, Peter, works for Idexx; their son Sean is graduating from Arizona State University; their daughter Kelsey, a graphic designer is married and living in Portsmouth, N.H. **Carol** is a landscape painter and photographer who enjoys travel, especially by boat where other people have to do the work.

Welcome to both our newest members: **Esther Hickman** and **Carol Aten**.



(Photo: Esther Hickman, Carol Aten, Laura Young and Peter Goffin)

11/14/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 10, 2014



Invoker: Kathy Grammer
Program/Speaker Reporter: Erik Jorgensen
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Dick Hall
Registration/Greeter: Scott Blakeslee
Meal Ticket Sales: Rusty Atwood
Raffle: David Clough
Music - Song Leader: Steve Ditmer
Piano Player: Kathy Grammer
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Charlie Frair
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Jim Willey

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 10, 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 2014:

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

BOLD dates are scheduled Board meeting days.

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FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 11/11/14)

Posted by William Blount on Nov 11, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 11/11/14)

After Week 9, we have six weeks left in the season. Jim Barns' team is tied with Dave Seddon's team. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams are not

far behind. A lot of subs being utilized. Peter Ingram and Karen Carney (617-424-1988) are at the ready for your C/D needs. Please be mindful of the holiday traffic and give yourself plenty of time to arrive courteously early for our 5:30 matches. 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
14	11	7	12	10	14

Start Every Day with a Smile and Get it Over With

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 11, 2014



Dinosaur pillow fight!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 10, 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.

Missed a Program? Catch it on CTN Cable TV!

Posted by David Smith on Nov 10, 2014



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<http://ctn5.org/shows/rotary-club-speakers-series>

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