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11/21/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Nov 15, 2014



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

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

*11/21/14 ALEX IRVINE - American Fantasy and SciFi Writer

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 16, 2014



Our speaker this Friday is Alex Irvine, American fantasy and science fiction author. Alex was born on March 22, 1969. He earned a B.A. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from the University of Maine, and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. From 2005-11, he was an assistant professor of English at the University of Maine. He also worked for a time as a staff reporter at the Portland Phoenix.

Alex first gained attention with his Locus Award-winning 2002 novel "A Scattering of Jades" (which also won the Crawford Award in 2003) and the stories

that would form the 2003 collection "Unintended Consequences." He has also published the Grail Quest novel "One King, One Soldier" (2004), and the World War II-era historical fantasy "The Narrows" (2005). He released a collection of thirteen short stories called "Pictures from an Expedition" in 2006. "Buyout," a novel set in 2041, was published by Random House in 2009.

In addition to his original works, Alex has published "Have Robot, Will Travel" (2004), a novel set in Isaac Asimov's positronic robot milieu; and "Batman: Inferno" (2006), about the DC Comics superhero. His novel "The Ultimates: Against All Enemies," about the Marvel Comics superhero team was published by Pocket Books in September 2007. He also wrote the *Vertigo Encyclopedia*. As well as writing about comics, he has written a number of comic book series, including one featuring Daimon Hellstrom for the Marvel Comics imprint "MAX, Daredevil Noir," and "Iron Man: The Rapture."

He has worked on alternate reality games including "The Beast" and "I Love Bees" and is the writer of the Facebook game "Marvel: Avengers Alliance."

Alex lives with his wife, Lindsay, and their three children in South Portland.

11/14/14 The Future of USM - David Flanagan, USM President

Posted by Erik Jorgensen on Nov 15, 2014

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David Flanagan is a Maine institution – he was CEO of CMP, Chairman of the University of Maine Trustees, and is currently serving as the interim President at USM. He joined us at Rotary on Friday, where he spoke about his new job, which came with two mandates: to balance the budget at USM and to communicate the decisions with the community.

He noted that the whole higher education community in Maine is facing a demographic squeeze. Last year there were 14,800 high school graduates statewide. He noted that soon the number is projected to be in the 13,500 range. Reflecting this shift, USM has lost 12% of its enrollment.....a trend that is contributing to a projected deficit of \$16M in fiscal year 2016. A top goal going forward will be to improve recruitment and retention.

The challenge, he said, is to cut budgets on the one hand and try to invest and grow some areas on the other. The model they've arrived at is that of a "Metropolitan University." "We can't be a second Orono," he noted, citing a need for a more compact structure. He also noted that the campus is now moving beyond the publicized program cuts toward consolidation of administration and student services, including recruitment, student advising, and career services.

During questions and answers from the Club, Flanagan painted a relatively bleak picture, noting a history of disinvestment by the state, a cumbersome three-campus structure, and an inequitable funding formula within the university system, one that is apparently "harder to change than the US Constitution."

That said, he pointed to several positive developments, including an open house for new students that attracted 800 people, successful accreditation visits, and even the good news that the USM basketball team beat Orono!



(Photo: Don Zillman and David Flanagan.)

11/14/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Richard Hall on Nov 17, 2014

President Kris opened the meeting by welcoming all the returning Portland Rotarians he was seeing in the crowd. Many at my table could not identify all the returning folks. **Paul Gore** was there and **Bob Patten** and wife, Stella, came to visit.

Kathy Grammer offered a lovely poem as the invocation.

Dave Clough conducted the raffle, and **Rusty Atwood's** guest, Jim Katanmeyer, was the winning name drawn. Unfortunately for him, he did not

pull the queen of hearts to win the \$488 pot.

President Kris introduced the visitors and visiting Rotarians....altogether we had a whopping 69 members, 11 visitors and 3 visiting Rotarians in attendance.

Julie L'Heureux gave a "Rotary minute," telling us how a nursing exchange visit to Dundalk, Ireland was the first push for her hometown of Dundalk, MD to form a Rotary club. As **Julie** became an active Rotarian herself, she pushed harder and is now proud to report that a new club has formed in that city. If she can trigger a whole city to form a Rotary club, we should all be able to invite a potential member to come to our club meetings.

We were treated to a banner exchange from Michael Dickel, a visiting Rotarian from Munich, Germany. If you plan to visit a club, be sure to take a Portland Rotary Club banner with you. This reporter was given a banner at the Halifax Rotary Club last week and I had no banner to give back, but have since gotten one to mail to them. I found out, while at their club, that "Interact" is named for International Rotary Action, to signify the international service done by middle and high school Interact members.

Jim Willey announced that there are still several sets of minutes to review and summarize, as part of the preparation for our 100th anniversary. Contact Jim if you want to look at some of the minutes from a past year. All he asks is for a summary of what occurred that year to be completed from whatever perspective you want to take, service, programs, awards, recognition, politics, or anything else. Jim says he has prepared a catalog of historical information collated so far. Jim's email address is: jimandbarbarawilley@gmail.com

Steve Stromsky thanked all the volunteers who worked at the Preble Street soup kitchen last week. He also thanked all those who helped at the Boys and Girls Club "Kids & Claws" night. He asked folks to sign up for the annual Thanksgiving dinner at St Vincent De Paul's Catholic Church gymnasium. Setup 8-11:15, serving 10:45 -12:30, cleanup 12:30-1:30. If you did not get a chance to sign up, send him an email. Signup sheets will again be on the tables this Friday. **Steve** also announced that we are staffing the Salvation Army bell-ringing kettles in Monument Square, Dec 1-Dec 24 from 11-1 daily. Please sign up for some slots if you can. Steve's email: sstromsk@maine.rr.com

Harold Crabill introduced the principal of Casco Bay High School, Derrick Pierce. Derrick introduced an amazing student to receive the Club's Youth Service Award, Caity Connolly. Katie has a wide range of activities, and besides winning a \$1000 scholarship, she plans to use the \$100 donation in her name for Kiva (kiva.org), a micro-financing organization.

(Photo: Harold Crabill, Caity Connolly and Derrick Pierce.)



11/21/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 16, 2014

Invocator: Paul Tully
Program/Speaker Reporter: Julie L'Heureux
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bill Blount



Registration/Greeter: Steve Ditmer
Meal Ticket Sales: Lester Evans
Raffle: Anne Fisher
Music - Song Leader: Happy Dollars
Piano Player: Russ Burleigh
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Matt Tassey
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Peter Ingram

2014/15 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 17, 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 February 2015:

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!

Jan 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Jan 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Jan 16 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Jan 23 - **The Clarion**
Jan 30 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Feb 6 - **The Clarion**
Feb 13 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Feb 20 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
Feb 27 - TBD

BOLD dates are scheduled Board meeting days.

Any questions, please contact Loretta
at: lrowe@maine.rr.com



FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 11/18/14)

Posted by William Blount on Nov 18, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 11/18/14)

After Week 10, we have five weeks left in the season. Jim Barns' team is in the lead and Jake's Bourdeau's team is tied with Dave Seddon's, who had a bye last night. A lot of subs being utilized. Peter Ingram and Karen Carney (617-424-1988) are at the ready for your C/D needs, if regular players can't be arranged. Please be mindful of the holiday traffic and give yourself plenty of time to arrive courteously early for our 5:30PM SHARP matches. Holiday party and winter season draft will be held on 12/15/14. 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
16	13	8	14	10	14

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 17, 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 17, 2014



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

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