

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Speakers

Dec 05, 2014

Fletcher Kittredge, CEO GWI

Dec 12, 2014

Dr. Sheila Pinette, Head of the Maine CDC

Dec 19, 2014

Holiday Program

Dec 26, 2014

No Meeting
Happy Holidays!

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11/28/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Nov 24, 2014



**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 28, 2014**

NO MEETING THIS WEEK

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

11/21/14 Alex Irvine, Being a Writer in Maine

Posted by Juliana L'Heureux on Nov 25, 2014



Alex Irvine is an American fantasy and science fiction author who lives in South Portland. He spoke to us about the challenges and

opportunities of working as a free-lance writer living in Maine, but most of his work coming from out-of-state clients. During the 14 years he has lived in Maine, his work opportunities have come from places like Stockholm, Singapore or London. He is among a group of creative artists living in Maine who meet regularly to discuss how they can bring attention to their availability to work for businesses in the state.

Maine's creative economy depends on attracting skilled artisans and writers who choose to live in this state. Nevertheless, writers and others who are experts in a variety of creative arts fail to attract work with Maine businesses. Ironically, many creative professionals seek work out of state while too often, businesses in the state hire elsewhere. "How is it that I live in Maine and I spend most of my time here, but none of my work offers are from here, in spite of support for sustaining a creative economy," he asked?

Perhaps Maine's creative professionals can build on the success models set forth by the many farm-stand businesses or the Portland restaurant

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community. Both of these business models began with a group of professional experts in their respective fields who worked together to build a culture of supportive customers. Creative professionals may not be as good at marketing and self promotion as other business people.

About being a writer, Irvine says the business of writing has changed. Nowadays, to be a writer often involves patching together a career. For example, Irvine writes science fiction, but he also provides narrative for publishers looking for copy to include in comic books or scripting dialogue for electronic games. Obtaining work as a licensing writer has a double effect on Irvine's creativity. First of all, he must produce for his publisher a certain kind of book by constructing plots consistent with their objectives. On the other hand, he learns to "re-gear" his creativity when writing his own books.

Some questions/feedback from the audience included asking if it makes sense for creative professionals to provide competitive price quotes for projects in Maine, like videos or copy for publicity brochures? Also, approaching franchise companies might channel business back to Maine through the local franchise-owners..

Living in Maine has probably impacted Irvine's potential for earning more money as a creative professional and writer. Still, his wife and family choose to live in Maine because....as he says, "There are currencies other than money." .



(Photo: Author, Alex Irvine signing books for interested buyers: President Kris Rosado, Julie L'Heureux, and Loretta Rowe.)

11/21/14 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Bill Blount on Nov 24, 2014

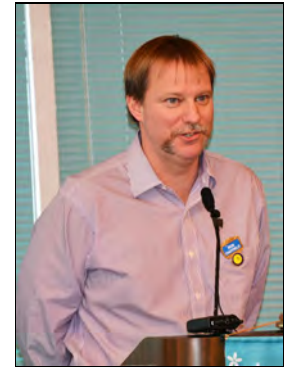
President Kris welcomed 56 Rotarians, 2 visiting Rotarians and 1 guest as they joined us for lunch at the Holiday Inn By-the-Bay. **Paul Tully** researched a thoughtful invocation from the Rotary website, advising caution to treat all people with respect. He quoted from Presidents Lincoln and Truman, and included his own remembrances for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Julie L'Heureux led us in the Pledge to the flag, **Russ Burleigh** played "God Bless America" and we commenced our fellowship and meal.

Tom Ranello tried his hand at trying to find the right card in the deck for the \$520 Raffle, but drew the Jack, not the Queen of Hearts.



Rob



Chatfield reminded us of the Dec. 9, 2014 wine tasting fundraiser at MJ's Wine Bar, One City Center. Bring a guest with your holiday shopping list. More to come....watch your emails.

Happy/Sad Dollars: **Peter Goffin** was *sad*, reminiscing about Derek Jeter, but **Mike Fortunato** was *happy* after the birth of his first grandchild! Mike's name was drawn to receive the \$20 contribution towards a Paul Harris sustaining fellowship.



Peter Goffin introduced us to our newest member of Portland Rotary....**Troy Malbon**. **Troy** works at UBS Financial Services as a financial advisor and is a former member of the Yarmouth Rotary Club. He enjoys any outdoor activity/sport and plays the guitar. He has been a football coach, is president of the MMA Alumni Assn., enjoys working with youth and helping with elderly programs. He lives in Topsham with his wife Sarah and two daughters. Join us in welcoming our newest member to Portland Rotary.

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

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 24, 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 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 11/25/14)
Posted by William Blount on Nov 25, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 11/25/14)

After Week 11, with four weeks left in the season, Jim Barns' team is in the lead, even after Dave Seddon's team took three points from them and Dave has a match in hand. 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 5:30 p.m. SHARP matches.

Our holiday party and winter season draft will be held on 12/15/14. If you need me to sub for you that night, give me a call! 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
19	13	9	14	13	17

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Posted by Loretta Rowe on Nov 24, 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 24, 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!