

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Hello Loretta! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor David Smith

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

Speakers

Dec 20, 2013
Russ Burleigh / Kathy Grammer
Special Holiday Program

Dec 27, 2013
No Meeting
Happy New Year!

Jan 24, 2014
Petur Peterson, Eimskip USA

Feb 14, 2014
Ed Reichert, USM Musical Theater

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12/20/13 THIS WEEK'S MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Dec 14, 2013

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

12/15/13 In Memory of.....

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Dec 18, 2013



In Memory of
Najeeb S. Lotfey
July 2, 1932 - December 15, 2013

Najeeb S. Lotfey (Naj) passed away Sunday, December 15, 2013 after a brief illness with his family by his side.

Born July 2nd, 1932, the son of Elias and Lillian Hider Lotfey, both of Lebanon. Naj grew up in Portland at the foot of Munjoy Hill. He attended Portland High School, graduated Northeastern School of Accounting, and served two years in the Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

He began his career as a staff accountant and built his legacy at the firm of MacDonald, Page & Co. where he practiced for thirty two years and retired as managing partner in 1995.

Naj was an active member of the community having served on the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine, the Maine Medical Center Annual Fund Raising Campaign, and most passionately, the Rotary Club of Portland Maine (just to name a few). Naj is a past president of Portland Rotary (1984-85) and was an avid historian of all things involving Rotary.

His greatest joy was his family, to whom he was a beloved husband, loving brother, cherished father and father in-law, and idolized grandfather.

A true craftsman, Naj enjoyed woodworking, jewelry making, stained glass,

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and lamp repair for his son's business. He had a gift for everyone, and whether it was a pair of earrings, a painted rock, or just a handmade card, it was truly "One of a kind." Naj was passionate about everything he did, and coined the phrase "A job worth doing, is a job worth doing well."

Relatives and friends may call at the Jones, Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland, Friday 4-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 9:30 am from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 307 Congress, St., Portland. Burial will follow at Brooklawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Portland Rotary Club Charitable Fund, P.O. Box 1755, Portland, ME 04104

*12/20/13 THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Posted by David Smith on Dec 16, 2013

This Friday, our Rotary program will be our annual celebration of the holidays before Christmas. Kathy Grammer and Russ Burleigh will host the program and have engaged the services of Jesse Feinberg, a professional classical and jazz pianist who will play solos, accompany soloists and lead a sing-along by the club members and guests. A number of Rotarians will be featured artists, but the idea is to involve everyone as much as possible.

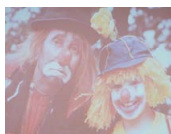


Pianist Jesse Feinberg is a recent graduate of the University of Maine at Augusta's Jazz and Contemporary Music Program. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Piano Performance, having graduated summa cum laude. He has taught Piano and Jazz Piano at The Portland Conservatory of Music and also teaches in his private studio. Previously, Mr. Feinberg worked as an accompanist and music director for Studio 48 - School for the

Performing Arts in Brunswick, ME, including their performances of *Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Fame*, and *Aida*. While living outside of Boston, he worked as a dance accompanist for The Boston Ballet School, Boston Conservatory, Jose Mateo's Ballet and Theater Company, Dean College, and The Walnut Hill School. He is active as a freelance jazz pianist, and resides on Great Island in Harpswell, ME, with his girlfriend and two daughters.

12/13/13 Amanda Crockett - Living a Dream

Posted by David Smith on Dec 14, 2013



Our speaker last week was Amanda Crockett, daughter of our own George Crockett (both as clowns at left). Amanda is an acrobat/clown for *Cirque du Soleil* (Cirque). When she was introduced by her proud papa, George said she pretty much personified the old chestnut, "*my child wants to run away and join the circus.*"

Amanda knew at age 9 that she wanted to be a clown, having watched her father dress like one for parades and parties. She also learned tricks of the trade from her father's close friend, Sam Kilbourn. At about age 15, she saw a live performance of Peter Pan and knew then that she also wanted to fly.

Later she would quit college and begin the long, arduous process of training and learning her profession.

She performed alone or in troupes around the world when in 2003, she got the chance to audition for Cirque. She did not pass that audition nor another one in 2005. In 2012, however, determination won out and she passed another audition. But, as she explained, passing an audition only means you are entered in Cirque's data base. You then have to wait for a call, when they decide they need someone for a particular program with your talent. Eventually she got that call.

She remarked that to be truly happy with your life, you have to love what you do and she does. Her dream of flying has come true in her act with Cirque in Las Vegas, as she flies over the live audience suspended on a wire. She's always surprised and awed by the celebrities just below her in the crowd.

When asked where she sees herself in 10-15 years, she replied that she would like to become a choreographer. It's always a pleasure to see someone as comfortable with herself as Amanda is.



Here is a picture of the "grown up" Amanda (out of costume) with her proud papa.

12/13/13 BITS AND PIECES

Posted by Garvey MacLean on Dec 17, 2013



Dave Small prefaced his invocation with a 'googled' brief on Friday the 13th. He concluded the invocation noting that there is no dread, despair, darkness or hopelessness when Rotary meets on any Friday. **President John** hopped on Dave's affirmation and reported that the Biddeford Rotary Club's Lac Megantic

project generated \$25,000.00. John thanked **Bowen Depke** for his leadership in raising \$1,200.00 for the project. He also thanked **Don and Betsy Lowry, Jim and Barbara Willey, John Curran, Mike Fortunato, Frank Robbins, and Bruce Moore** for the Holiday Party they conducted for the Cedar Unit at Long Creek. Continuing his rap on all that is positive, hopeful, and joyous in Rotary, President John then lifted up the "Windjammer Crew," noting Juliana L'Heureux's excellent write-up of the December 6th program.

Our Nominating Committee has the task of finding and nominating candidates for our slate of officers/directors and service fund trustees. The committee, led by **PP Cy Hagge** (chair), included **2nd VP Bowen Depke, Mike Fortunato, PP Paul Gore, PP Ben Lowry, and Paul Tully** have put into nomination the following candidates:

President for 2014-15: **Kris Rosado**
 First Vice President: **Bowen Depke**
 Second Vice President: **Laura Young**
 Secretary: **Loretta Rowe**
 Treasurer: **Scott Blakeslee**
 Sergeant at Arms: **Mike Fortunato**

2 Directors with terms ending 2016: **Julianna L'Heureux and Mac Collins**
 2 Service and Memorial Fund Trustees with terms ending 2017: **Janelle LoSciuto and Peter Ingram**

At this Friday's meeting (12/20), the nominations will again be read and nominations will be taken from the floor, with a final vote being taken.

PP Cy offered a special thank you to the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

After **President John** welcomed our guests, Ron Bennett offered **Steve Stromsky** a chance to draw from our raffle for \$367.00. Alas, he drew the Queen of Clubs! Steve then took the opportunity to thank the Salvation Army volunteer bell ringers and our Preble Street Soup Kitchen volunteers: **Don Lowry, President John Marr, Paul Tully and Harold Crabill** (and his daughter). Rotary's commitment is the second Tuesday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He invited all who are interested in volunteering at Preble Street to contact him at: stevan_j_stromsky@keybank.com



In the chair's (Mike Fortunato) absence, President John thanked everyone for attending the Holiday Wine Tasting event on Thursday evening (at left greeting the attendees). Prez John indicated everyone seemed to have a good time (some more than others) and that we would hear the results from Mr. Mike as soon as all

the figures were in. He also thanked everyone who made purchases that night, as 10% of the sales will come back to the Rotary club.

Emily McEntee tasting Dean's Chocolates at left.



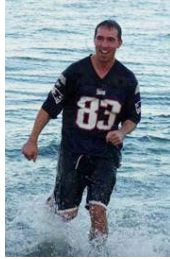
Bruce Jones showing his appreciation(?) for having the Wine Tasting event at Creative Pavilion (his work) to PP Cyrus Hagge and event chair Mike Fortunato.

President John called Joan Steinberg (Russ' wife) and Russ Burleigh to the podium. Joan thanked Rotarians for their donation of yarn, which she has turned into 100 pairs of mittens to be donated to WinterKids. This is her fifth year collaborating with Portland Rotary in this venture, with over 500 pairs of



mittens being donated.

George Crockett wanted to convey a message to his fellow Rotarians....as the result of their generous giving, he has purchased 1300 diapers for the immigrant community. Thank you.



Justin Lamontagne is about to do his 10th "Lobster Dip" and is seeking sponsorship donations, all of which go to support the Special Olympics of Maine. Refreshing, Justin? We'll leave that up to you. He accepts checks or cash or you can donate on line at:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/justin-lamontagne/lobster-dip-2014>. This is an easy, fast and secure site. You can also contact him at: justin@dunham-group.com

12/20/13 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Dec 15, 2013

Program/Presentation Reporter: Bill Blount

Bits & Pieces Reporter: Toby Cook

Registration: Ellen Niewoehner

Meal Ticket Sales: Don Tuski

Greeter: Frank Robbins

Raffle: Rylan Nimocks

Invocator: Music Committee - special

Music - Song Leader: None

Music - Piano Player: Kathy Grammer

Sgt at Arms - Early: Toby Cook

Sgt at Arms - Late: Harold Crabill

2013 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Dec 14, 2013

If you would like to mark your calendars for our On-The-Road locations that are coming up for the rest of the year, here is where our meetings will be held:

Dec. 20 - Holiday Inn BTB

Dec. 27 - NO MEETING

The dates in **BOLD** are scheduled board of director meetings. Any questions, please contact Loretta.

FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (update 12/17/13)

Posted by William Blount on Dec 17, 2013

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - 22nd SEASON 2013 - 2014
(updated 12/17/13)

After week 14 of 15, here are the standings. Give yourself some extra time to get to the Rackett on Monday as holiday shopping traffic could upset your equilibrium and take you off

your game. The draft and holiday party was great and under budget!! the new schedule will be out shortly. Team Larry can be the spoiler for our final matches next week. Dec. 30 is open tennis. Laura, Amy, Jon Y(please??) and Ben are organizing matches for our four courts that we paid \$260 to play on. Please have fun and holiday gift yourself with this valuable asset!

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
D. Seddon	L. Gross	B. Lowry	J. Barns	J. Bordeau	S. Blakeslee
D. Hall	P. Noyes	F. Thompson	B. Blount	J. Young	K. Ray
R. Asch	B. Moore	C. Bowker	D. Putnam	A. Chipman	H. Herodes
K. Grammer	E. Jorgensen	H. Sawyer	L. Young	R. Burleigh	J. Carr
17	11	17	23	20	18

MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Dec 07, 2013



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!

Loretta's Commitments