



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Portland Maine

### The Windjammer

Friday, January 07, 2011



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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

#### Future Speakers

**Jan 7 2011**

Tim Hussey  
*"Hussey Seating - Hussey's Legacy in Palestine"*

**Jan 14 2011**

Rich Pattenaude  
*"Chancellor, University of Maine System"*

**Jan 21 2011**

Doug Baston - North Atlantic Energy  
*"Maine's Forests"*

**Jan 28 2011**

Keith Burkley- Time Warner Cable President  
*"TWC - Present and Future"*

**Feb 4 2011**

Michael Franz, Professor at Bowdoin College  
*"Maine Political Advertising"*

**Feb 11 2011**

Survivor Bob Crowley  
*"[our Valentines Day program]"*

**Feb 18 2011**

Bob McKenzie, Kennebunk Police  
*"Teen Drinking"*

**Feb 25 2011**

Katey Foley Carey Cartwright  
*"Jobs for Maine Graduates"*

**Mar 4 2011**

Cyrus Hagge  
*"Rotary Foundation Meeting"*

**Mar 11 2011**

Victoria Rogers  
*"5-2-1-0 Program"*

#### THIS WEEK: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*by John Marr*

This will be our last meeting prior to Christmas! Consequently, President Rick has called upon the Minister of Culture, Russ Burleigh, and the High Priestess of Melody, Kathy Grammer, to put together a music program which is sure to get us all in the spirit of the season.

Knowing Russ, I suspect that we are likely to come away with a few tid bits of Christmas information that we didn't have when we came to the table. And, with Kathy Grammer magnificent mezzo soprano unleashed, we will hear the heavens sing! Of course, if I lend my voice to the choir I may get coal in my stocking. So, please, come all ye faithful for Santa Claus is coming to town!

#### LAST WEEK: REAL ESTATE - NOW'S THE TIME!

*by John Gaudet*

Cindy Butts, CEO, Maine Association of REALTORS and CEO of the Maine Real Estate Information System, spoke to a full house at last week's meeting. Cindy was honored that Mark Stimson was at the meeting as Mark is a legend in Maine's real estate industry.

We were astonished to learn that over three hundred bills were brought forth in the Maine's 124th Legislature that had an impact on Maine homeowners and REALTORS. Cindy and her staff in Augusta are responsible advocating on behalf of Maine's 4500 plus real estate professionals. The Association lent their support to bills that made sense, including those dealing with vernal pools and with carbon monoxide detectors (do you have one in your home?); and, they worked to oppose proposed legislation that negatively impacted the industry and homeowners. On the State and National level they worked to oppose legislation that would have eliminated the mortgage tax deduction that most homeowners rely upon to reduce their tax burden.

Cindy also informed us that number of houses sold and average home sales price in Maine are up slightly from last year. She is

**Mar 18 2011**

Rick Snow  
 "Club Assembly"

**Mar 25 2011**

Robert Clark - Social Security Admin  
 "Social Security and You"

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enthusiastic about the potential the market offers for anyone that is ready to purchase a new home; interest rates are among the lowest in decades and existing home inventory is high. Cindy encouraged each of us to think about our dream home as today's market might be the right time to make such an investment!

**BITS AND PIECES**

by John Marr

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER**

At last week's meeting **Loretta Rowe** introduced a new member, **Sue Tidd**. She likes to cook and read in her free time and she used to be a member of the Bangor Rotary club for 4 years. She will be wearing a red dot on her badge for the next six months so she will be easy to spot. If you would like to know more about Sue you should find her at the next meeting or Rotary event and introduce yourself.

**THIS COULD BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!**

**Catherine Holt** had this week's chance to win the card draw game. She picked the 4 of spades so next week the pot goes up to over \$1,100. You do not want to miss out on a chance to win. I heard the secret is to purchase many tickets to increase your chances to be picked.

**THANKS FOR COMING**

There was one visiting Rotarian at last weeks meeting and three guests; Carol Clark, Chelsea Locke, & Ethan Johnson.

**LOTS TO TALK ABOUT**

With winter around the corner it means two things; 1) Our third annual Pizza Bowl & Rotary Ski days. There was lots of talk about both in last meeting. Everyone was sharing with each other their favorite pizza spot and ski slope. If you would like to help out with this years Pizza Bowl on January 30th please contact Loretta Rowe.

**IT'S ALL DOWN HILL FROM HERE!**

**Kris Rosado** announced there will be a Rotary Ski day on Thursday, December 23rd at Sunday River. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. at the South Ridge Lodge. Kris offered to host ski-après at his place noting there will be hot chocolate, hot toddies, and a hot tub. Kris recommends keeping the 4 way test in mind when choosing your

bathing suite. The other Rotary ski days are tentatively scheduled for 1/20/11, 2/24/11 and 3/24/11.

#### FOREWARNED IS FORE-ARMED

There are two upcoming meetings you should be aware of. On January 7th our meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn By the Bay. It will be great to be back in the Old Port for a meeting. The other important meeting will be the club visioning meeting held on January 27th. This meeting will last around 4 hours and the purpose is to plan the next 3 years for our club. If you would like to attend this meeting please get in touch with **President Rick** Snow. This meeting is very important and any Portland Rotarian is welcome to attend.

#### ATTENTION PAM CLEGHORN!

So you enjoy the Windjammer? Well! Just think of how much better it could be to visit Rotary in person! **Erik Jorgensen** will buy you lunch anytime you want to experience the magic and wonder of Rotary.

#### A GRAND NEW FLAG TO BE HUNG WITH PRIDE

**George Crockett** is back from Nigeria safe and sound. Along with many life long memories George brought back a Nigerian Rotary flag. A team of 18 people immunized over 10,000 kids on this trip. George also wanted to correct a statement made last week. The Rotary Foundation did not pay for any portion of his trip.

#### RECOGNITION FOR A SPECIAL MAN

**Earle Leavitt** our club's only remaining Pearl Harbor Veteran received a standing ovation for his service during this historic time.

#### **THIS WEEK: WHO'S DOING WHAT?**

*by Elise Hodgkin*

Editor	Erik Jorgensen
Bits & Pieces	Eric Lusk
Registration	John Gaudet
Meal Ticket Sales	Richard Giles
Buffet Table Tickets	Edward Herczeg

Greeter

Raffle

Invocateur

Music

Sgt at Arms - Early

Sgt at Arms - Late

Kathleen Grammer

John Curran

Russell Burleigh

Russell Burleigh (*Kathleen Grammer*)

Michael Sullivan

Peter Noyes