



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Portland Maine

The Windjammer

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Club Web Site

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

Future Speakers

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
President Rick Snow
"Club Assembly"

Mar 4 2011
Cyrus Hagge
"Rotary Foundation Meeting"

Mar 11 2011
Victoria Rogers
"5-2-1-0 Program"

Mar 18 2011
Katy Foly Cary Cartwright
"Jobs for Maine Graduates"

Mar 25 2011
Robert Clark - Social Security Admin
"Social Security and You"

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by John Marr



THIS WEEK: TIME WARNER TODAY AND TOMORROW

by John Marr

Time Warner is our local cable provider and like every utility they are often the victim of their own success. We expect them to be ever at the ready and love them when they do exactly as we wish. However, because they are so big, and the world of technology makes everything all the more complex, they are bound to have some down time and be subject of criticism.

The days of stodgy old Ma Bell and elaborate antennae on our houses are long gone and that's probably a good thing. At first we were satisfied to get the multitude of channels that cable promised and now it's morphed into our high speed internet provider for our computers and even gives us our telephone connections, if you so desire.

But, this is today and yesterday, there's much more to come. AT this weeks meeting, TWC's Keith Burkley, who heads up our provider

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network, will give us a glimpse into the future.

LAST WEEK: SNOW FLAKES KEEP ON FALLING

by John Marr

What a winter it has been! I can't blame the snowbirds for retreating to the warm climes of Florida. However, those of us who must remain here in Maine get our batteries recharged every Friday by attending our Portland Rotary Club meeting. I understand that Governor LePage, in part due to his deference to President Rick, did not chide us for cancelling our meeting last week. Unfortunately, this meant that we did not get to hear from Doctors Liz and Roger Fagan with respect to the most recent recent Hearts For Hearing mission they made to the Dominican Republic.

We hope that we can find a time to reschedule. Just as we hope that we don't have to cancel any further meetings. Given the age demographics of our state, we have to think of safety of travel whether it be in the car or on foot.

BITS & PIECES

by John Marr

If **Bill Blount** can't be playing tennis, his next favorite thing is to be skiing and he is able to gather just as sizable a crowd on the slopes of Sunday River as he does on the courts of The Racquet Club. Just before the big snow fall a contingent of Rotarians made their way to Newry and safely conquered the slopes.

THE BRAINS BEHIND THE OPERATION

Often time this writer gets more credit for getting out the Windjammer than he deserves. Without the assistance of **Erik Jorgensen and Dick Hall** we would still be sending this newsletter out by snail mail. Erik takes the articles and puts them into the electronic "Clubrunner" form and Dick helps us figure out the mysteries, such as how to paste and publish pictures, which has befuddled us for months. Thanks, guys, for you're help, it's great to work with you!

IS SHE OR ISN'T SHE?

Recently we enjoyed hearing from Tim Hussey, of Hussey Seating, with regard to his family business and the ties to the Ramallah Friends School in Palestine. **Alan Cartwright** associated the name with our District Governor, Ann Lee Hussey, and has started an inquiry to confirm or deny the link. We hope that Wikileaks will soon

provide the proof positive answer.

ALWAYS IN TOUCH!

For years the den mother of the Portland Rotary Club was **Ruth Fletcher**. Ruth had to take her leave and head south but will never forget her friends in Rotary. She remains warmly ensconced in her new digs but has changed her email address, which is now skimsyey@charter.net. She'd love to hear from you and looks forward to every issue of the Windjammer to find out what's going on with her den.

DON'T MISS IT!

On Thursday, February 3rd, Ms Mezzo Soprano, **Kathy Grammer** is giving a concert at the First Parish Church located on Congress St, in Downtown Portland. Kathy will be accompanied by Charles Grindle, on piano, and will some American favorites as well as some Broadway Show tunes. It will begin at noon time and is a perfect way to spend your lunch.

TWO NEW SONG LEADERS

Kathy Grammer and , her Majesty, Queen **Peggy Wescott** , has recruited two new song leaders. **Mike Fortunato** and **Kris Rosado** , have come out of the shower and decided to help the music committee.

DON'T FORGET THE DISTRICT 7780 NEWSLETTER

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7780//HTML/114757//JanuaryDistrictNewsletter.pdf>

Above is a link to Governor Ann Lee's January newsletter. The newsletter includes:

- District Calendar**
- RI President Ray Comes to 7780**
- Polio Plus Update**
- Rotary's Ethical Test**
- Rotary Leadership Institute**
- How is Your Club Doing**
- District 7780 Support for Guatemala Literacy**

- Upcoming Events**
- As always - - Lots of Club news.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(if you have an or know of an upcoming event that is likely to be of interest to Portland Rotary Club members, please send the information along to John Marr at jmarr@memic.com)

January 30, Sunday, is the Pizza Bowl at the Italian Heritage Club. Tell all your friends and bring as many as you can. This is a major fundraiser for the club and is a lot of sumptuous fun.

January 27th, THIS THURSDAY, is the Club Visioning event at the IHC. President Rick is hosting dinner and all he is asking in return is for your ideas as to how to make this a better club. Even the great can get greater.

THIS WEEK: WHO'S DOING WHAT?

by Elise Hodgkin

Registration	Robert Traill
Meal Ticket Sales	Jacob Bourdeau
Buffet Table Tickets	Mitchell Vance
Greeter	Susan Tidd
Raffle	Scott Wilson
Invocateur	Kathleen Grammer
Music	Mark Carpentier (<i>Russell Burleigh</i>)
Sgt at Arms - Early	Peter Noyes
Sgt at Arms - Late	James Willey

