



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Portland Maine

## The Windjammer

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 Club Web Site

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### Future Speakers

**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 Foley & Cary Cartwright  
*"Jobs for Maine Graduates"*

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

**Apr 1 2011**  
Ken and Mike  
*"The Ever Popular Ken and Mike Show"*

**Apr 8 2011**  
Fred Lamontang, City of Portland  
*"Homeland Security and the Portland Fire Department"*

**Apr 15 2011**  
Julie Kirby & Brian Allen  
*"Saint Lawrence Arts Society and the Good Theater"*

**Apr 22 2011**  
Charlie Colgan  
*"Revisiting the Economic Forecast for 2011"*

**Apr 29 2011**  
F. Lee Bailey  
*"Iconic Attorney, Pilot, Author, Businessman"*

### THIS WEEK: CLUB ASSEMBLY!

by Benjamin Lowry

As is always the case, time flies, whether you're having fun or just working hard. Eight months into Rick Snow's Rotary year, it is time for the president to check in with the membership at the annual Portland Rotary Club Assembly, where we will both hear of how things are with the club and be given a chance to ask questions and direct comments to those in positions of leadership.

If you missed the Club Visioning event a few weeks ago, you will be given an overview of the highlights of this most important event, which looked into where we see Portland Rotary in five years. This event, which was organized and run by District 7780, was very well attended by club members and will serve as a template as we look beyond Rick's year to Jack Carr, Cyrus Hagge, John Marr, and beyond.

The areas of focus for this week's Assembly will include a possible move to the Holiday Inn by the Bay, the upcoming re-gifting auction, the results of the "elevator talk" ad hoc committee, and anything else that comes to mind during this informal discussion. If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to give your thoughts to President Rick, please drop him an e-mail at rick@maineindoorkarting.com.

### LAST WEEK: HARD NEWS TO HEAR

by Benjamin Lowry



Photo: Russ Burleigh

Our Speakers with Alan Cartwright

**May 6 2011**

Barbara Whitten

"Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau"

**May 27 2011**

Mark Bessire

"Director, Portland Museum of Art"

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Kennebunk police chief Bob McKenzie has seen too much tragedy in his years on the force. Too many people abusing drugs, too many domestic violence arrests, too many kids driving drunk. Telling a parent that their high school aged child had been killed in an alcohol related wreck is the hardest thing for any cop to do...

So, two years ago, when he had a dream about shooting a video that might make difference, he pursued the idea with a passion. Volunteers from all walks of life gave their time, money and efforts to make this video, which depicts the various outcomes of underage drinking, a regional, if not national, sensation. Last Friday, the Portland Rotary was given a chance to see the video and discuss the ramifications with Chief McKenzie, whose goal was, and still is, to "maybe save just one young person's life".

The video, which was trimmed down from its entirety, still proved tremendously moving, leaving the club in a stunned silence as we adjourned. The issues surrounding teen driving safety have been in the news over the past few years, namely within the discussions of texting, e-mailing, and talking on a cell phone while driving. While the "distracted driving" stories have gained the headlines, the town by town fight against teen drunk driving has gone on, like the slow and steady push of the tides, for this is a never relenting problem, and one that has carried from one generation to the next. If any of us, as parents, grandparents, or family friends, can reach out to those young people who feel so invincible, and yet who are, in reality naive, we can pick up the baton carried so passionately by Bob McKenzie and other public safety officials who all too often are left to deal with the oftentimes grisly conclusions of poor decisions by Maine's teens.

**BITS AND PIECES**

by Scott Wilson

Last week's meeting was, on the surface at least, like any other meeting. Business was discussed, we sang songs, and there was plenty of fellowship. What was missing was the presence of our bell. Our Rotary meeting began and ended with the hard rap of the gavel grabbing everyone's attention.

**Bill Blount & Mark Carpentier** shared an inspired version of "car 54" with our club in honor of our guest Kennebunk Police Chief Robert MacKenzie.

In honor of spring training and warmer weather in the future we all sang *Take Me Out To The Ball Game*. This week's raffle was up to \$1,567 and the first person picked to draw the queen of hearts was **Ed Herzeg**. It was like a scene from *Ferris Buellers Day Off* when President Rick read his name multiple times. Turns out that Ed had left the meeting early, so another name was drawn. Visiting Rotarian Tom Kennedy from Greenwich, CT was picked, and while at one point he had his finger on the queen of hearts he did not pick the lucky lady.



**John Marr** introduced this month's Youth Service Award winner. Ira Waltz, Principal of Deering High School, introduced to us Daniela Kahn. Daniela worked during the summer as a part of a project in Guatemala helping to distribute sunglasses because many people native to Guatemala are becoming blind from exposure to the sun. Daniela loves children and is a swim instructor. Thanks to **Russ** for the photo!

At the start of this week's meeting there will be our annual regifting auction. This is a great event with many great gifts. They say one man's trash is another man's treasure. So come prepared to give and to take.

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

*by Elise Hodgkin*

Registration	Chelsea Locke
Meal Ticket Sales	Bruce Jones
Buffet Table Tickets	Earle Leavitt
Greeter	Ethan Johnson
Raffle	Bradford Kirkpatrick
Invocateur	Kathleen Grammer
Music	Kathleen Grammer ( <i>Russell Burleigh</i> )
Sgt at Arms - Early	Scott Blakeslee
Sgt at Arms - Late	Malcolm Collins