



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Portland Maine

The Windjammer

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

Future Speakers

Jul 23 2010

Richard Fitzgerald - JFK Aircraft Carrier Museum
"An Aircraft Carrier Museum in Portland?"

Jul 30 2010

Fred Forsely - Shipyard Brewing
"The View from the Shipyard"

Aug 6 2010

Portland Cruise Ships
"All About Portland as a Cruise Destination"

Aug 13 2010

Brian Petrovek
"The Portland Pirates & The Civic Center"

Aug 20 2010

Paul Bradbury - Jetport Manager
"Expanding the Jetport!"

Aug 27 2010

Our District Governor
"District 7780 Perspective"

Sep 3 2010

Elliot Cutler - Gubernatorial Candidate

Sep 10 2010

Paul LePage - Gubernatorial Candidate

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THIS WEEK: BILL NEMITZ, BACK FROM AFGHANISTAN

by Erik Jorgensen



We will be having an encore performance this week, by the man who is -literally- everywhere! Club members will remember Bill Nemitz' riveting account over the winter of his post-earthquake sea voyage to Haiti; this week he will report on his most recent trip.

Nemitz left Memorial Day weekend to join the 152 Maine men who make up Maine Army National Guard's Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry, in Afghanistan. Bravo Company is part of the 94,000 soldiers currently in Afghanistan.

During his time there, he provided weekly glimpses of both the human side, and the daily dangers faced by the members of the company. Among the soldiers he introduced were Captain Paul Bosse, who guided Nemitz on a tour of an installation on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, who provided insights into service on the "tip of the spear, a mountainous region where Taliban fighters from both Afghanistan and Pakistan, tribal warlords from centuries-old villages and al-Qaida operatives from who knows where come and go with their ever-shifting alliances, crisscrossing agendas and deep-rooted defiance of all things American.

Nemitz is a detail man, and his sharp eye documented stories of Yankee ingenuity at work in the mountains, such as of one unit's development of wind chimes from spent shell casings. He also profiled an Afghan-born Mainer from Biddeford who is serving in the Guard, and told about how the streets in the camp had been named for Maine winners of the Medal of Honor. And he talked about food - one of the key elements in any operation. Overall, he provided people back home with a look at life in a contemporary military unit - showing it as it really is: not as a unit on a mission, but as a collection of individuals working together to do a job.

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We're in for a treat this Friday - bring your family and friends to hear Bill Nemitz, as he shares slides and recounts his travels Afghanistan.

LAST WEEK: INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY RICK SNOW

by Erik Jorgensen

There was no speaker last Friday – or at least that's what we were told by our new President, who, with characteristic modesty, launched his administration with a heartfelt address to the club.

Rick Snow outlined his principles of governance - a sort of twelve-way test which he uses to govern his own life, and which he felt might be applied equally to governing the work of Portland Rotary. These principles include honesty, humility, integrity, kind-heartedness and generosity (all of which are familiar as components of the four-way test) but Rick's list also included concepts such as "fruitfulness" which Rick suggested could be interpreted as bringing guests to Rotary, and finding new members; and "wariness", which could be seen as keeping the club away from danger.

He then talked about the importance of asking forgiveness, being righteous, and trusting in God, guiding principles that he felt rounded out the list, and will guide him in the coming year.

Rick then recounted his trip to Montreal for the Rotary International convention, and tried to describe the experience of being part of a giant coliseum jammed with more than 20,000 enthusiastic Rotarians, where they listened to new RI President Paul Klingensmith as he started his year of service at the helm of the world's Rotary Clubs.

Portland Rotary appears to be in very good hands.

NEW WEBSITE UPDATE

by Erik Jorgensen

Portland Rotary continues to move toward a fresh new Website. In the next few days, you should see a new home page when you visit www.portlandrotary.org. **At present we are in transition and you may not be able to reach our site. If you want to reach our new site during this transitional period, click [here](#).**

On the new site, to get a password, Click on the Login tab, located at the top of the page, as well as the right hand side of the homepage. Click on the "Forgot Your Password?" link. This will take you to the "Get Password" screen. You will be asked to enter your last name and your email address, and then click on the "Get Login Info" button. You should receive an email with your login information shortly.

Please note that the last name and email address you provide must

match what is on record for security purposes. If you are unable to get your password, please email support@clubrunner.ca with your name and club and it will be emailed to you. Or, you can contact the Portland Rotary office.

To Log In, Enter your login name and password in the appropriate fields and click on the Login button. If your login has been successful, you will be directed to the Admin page. You should see your name at the top right. This is a members-only page where you will go to contribute to the site, email your members, change your profile, and much more.

Windjammer Update

by Erik Jorgensen

We are still experimenting with this new Windjammer - we expect to have Bits and Pieces again next week, as well as additional photographs. Thanks for your patience as we move to the new platform.