

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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Editor David Smith

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

Speakers

Apr 25, 2014

Cumberland County Civic Center - Steve Crane, GM
Trials & Tribulations in Renovation of Facilities and Tour

May 02, 2014

Peter Nielsen, President
Circus Conservatory of America

May 09, 2014

Joint Mtg with RC South Portland/Cape Elizabeth
TBA

May 16, 2014

Lt. D. F. Pace
District Conference/Portland Rotary Meeting

May 23, 2014

Joe Foster
World War II History

Jun 06, 2014

Maine Senate Speaker Justin Alford
The 126th Legislature

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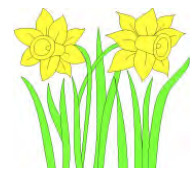
04/18/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Apr 19, 2014



FRIDAY

4/25/14



WE ARE AT THE

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

*04/25/14 THE CUMBERLAND CIVIC CENTER

Posted by Ben Lowry on Apr 21, 2014



On Friday 4/25, the Portland Rotary Club will have the unique opportunity to hear about one of the most discussed renovations on the peninsula in the past few years. The Cumberland County Civic Center, was built in 1977 at a

cost of \$8 million. We've all seen the construction going on and now it is time for a first-hand look at the results, with a discussion led by the man who knows more about our downtown entertainment venue than any other, Steve Crane, General Manager of the Cumberland County Civic Center.

Since it's opening, over 5,000 events have been held at the venue, from rock concerts to Mariners and Pirates hockey games, to high school and college graduations. Two years ago, a \$35-million bond package was approved by voters. In February, the work was completed and the facility re-opened to the public. Among the improvements were wider concourses, larger and additional locker rooms, new seating, more loading bays, luxury boxes, flexible spaces that can be used for private events and perhaps best of all, many more much-needed men's and women's restrooms.

Steve has worked at the Civic Center for over 36 years. He will tell us

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about the renovation project and lead us on a tour of the facility.

04/18/14 THE JOY OF MENTORING

Posted by Ben Lowry on Apr 21, 2014

Friday, 4/18/14, was a day of great celebration, with various speakers, awards and presentations all revolving around one common theme: mentoring. With the efforts of The Portland Rotary Club invigorating the mentoring campaigns of both *The Friends of Long Creek* and the *Portland Mentoring Alliance*, there was much pride and enthusiasm in our presentations.



JIM WILLEY started off the festivities with the announcement of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Emmy Brown, the guiding light behind the *The Friends of Long Creek* (Friends), the only non-profit in the United States centered around an incarceration facility. With twenty years of strong volunteer service, often working up to thirty hours per week, Emmy has

seen amazing changes. Young people leaving the Long Creek Youth Center (Long Creek) now receive rental assistance, clothing, furniture, and even college credits. Emmy, the first non-Rotarian to ever be honored with two Paul Harris Awards, reminded us that her salary for her efforts comes in the form of “bonus days,” when she gets a warm hug from one of her “children” at the facility. Her proud husband of fifty years, Ted, wholeheartedly agreed!

Another Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to **JIM WILLEY's** wife, Barbara, a thirteen-year volunteer at Long Creek. Barbara was lauded as a “role model” by **MIKE FORTUNATO**, who introduced her. She has been both a driving force and an integral part of the functioning and success of Friends. She believes “the kids are people of value,” and the time and effort she has devoted to Long Creek bear witness to that belief. The Portland Rotary Club is very proud and thankful.



The meeting then turned to another effort in which the children of Maine are offered guidance with



offered guidance, with member **GLENN NERBAK** discussing the ongoing efforts of the *Portland Mentoring Alliance* (PMA) at Portland High

School. PMA, now in its 22nd year, works with students from 45 countries, who speak 25 different languages, with a one-on-one mentoring program which places adults with students for a one-year period. The friendships that form, based upon weekly one-hour sessions, can last a lifetime, with the mentees even becoming mentors themselves over time. Expanding to Deering and Casco Bay High Schools in the coming year, the PMA program, the oldest of its kind in the country, will continue to bring adults and needy students together for bowling, Thanksgiving Day dinner, Red Claws games, and events at Merrill Auditorium.

JACK CARR, who has worked with four students over the past four years, took great pride in introducing Omar Raouf. Omar, who came to Portland from Iraq, thanked our club for both the amazing opportunities he has been given in our country and the sustained efforts of the PMA to help him.



If you can give just one hour a week to mentor a student, please go to: www.phsbulldogs.org and look for the PMA banner on the left!

04/18/14 BITS & PIECES

Posted by Robert Martin on Apr 22, 2014

Our guests at last week's meeting included Scott Janicek, Emmy and Ted Brown, Don Spearman, Pam Richards, and Omar Jarouf.



Bill Blount encouraged us to join the Salvation Army's Camp Sebago clean-up on Saturday, April 26 from 8am to 2pm. There are various tasks to do. Tools will be provided, but if you have a favorite rake, bring it along.

Bill Blount and **Kathy Grammer** did their best in leading us in singing "You've Got A Friend." We'll see this on YouTube one day.

President John reminded us of South Portland's Sunrise club's fund-raising effort on May 9 and 10 at the Uno Pizzeria

& Grill.....20% of your tab will be contributed to the South Portland Sunrise Rotary.

President John shared that Rotary International recognized our late member, **Naj Lotfey's** extraordinary contributions to the Rotary Foundation. A crystal award honoring Naj's Paul Harris gifts totaling over \$10,000 was delivered to Barbara Lotfey last week. President John said she was extremely grateful and enthusiastic about Nai's recognition.

President John conveyed news from **Harold Crabill**, who was unable to report in person, about the creation of a Rotary Interact Club at Deering High School. The new club will begin activities next fall. More on this exciting opportunity to come.

Our meeting this coming Friday (4/25) will be at the newly-renovated Cumberland County Civic Center. We will need to enter the building on the Clark Insurance entrance - corner of Center and Spring Streets. We are meeting in the overlook, now called the Old Port Pavilion.

Take the elevator (or stairs) to the 4th floor concourse level - turn right. Street meter parking or park in city garages. Unfortunately, we do not have parking stickers to help us with the cost of parking.

YOU NEED TO PRE-REGISTER IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND IF YOU ARE BRINGING GUEST(S). PLEASE EMAIL LORETTA BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd 2PM at: lrowe@maine.rr.com There will be a tour AFTER the lunch that should last approximately 30 minutes, so please advise Loretta if you would like to participate.

Mike Fortunato announced Red Sox Rotary night at Fenway Park in Boston on May 30th. The 7:10 p.m. game is against Tampa Bay. At least 28 folks are needed to sign-up in order to secure a bus and make the event feasible. Contact Mike if you are interested in going at: Michael.k.fortunato@gmail.com

Peggy "Queenie"

Westcott was unlucky in the raffle and missed the chance to find the other queen to take home \$710. The pot moves to serious money next week.

Speaking of Queenie, she was in Las Vegas a couple of weeks ago and got a back-stage tour of *Cirque Du Soleil* with **George Crockett's** daughter, Amanda, who presented a program to us on Dec. 13, 2013 on her career. She is one talented lady....and one of the few people who can really claim that she LOVES her job!



Amanda Crockett and Queenie Westcott

PREPARING FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 07, 2014

PLEASE READ AND TAKE ACTION....

HELP US GET READY FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR (2014-15):

1. **Go to the club website and check your personal information to be sure it is correct.** Information for the roster is pulled from the website, so **if it is wrong on the**

website, it will be wrong in the roster. You can make ANY changes to your personal or business information yourself. If you need assistance/instructions or would prefer us to make the changes, please contact Loretta.

2. **If you are new to the club (since July 1, 2013), please email a head-shot photo of yourself directly to**

Loretta to use in the roster....OR if you are in need/want of having your photo (re)taken, please contact Russ Burleigh to have one taken at a Rotary meeting.

3. **Consider putting your company's ad (or your own personal ad) in the new roster...it helps defray the printing costs. Please contact Loretta and/or someone will be contacting you in the near future.**

Loretta's email address: lrowe@maine.rr.com

Thank you.

SALVATION ARMY CAMP SEBAGO CLEANUP

Posted by Bill Blount on Apr 14, 2014

The Salvation Army's (SA) annual Camp Sebago Spring cleanup this year will be held on April 26th starting at 8:00 a.m., with coffee and light refreshments. We will begin working at 8:30 a.m. There are several ways in which people could give meaningful service to the camp on that day: painting, carpentry, and general landscape clean up...these will be the main areas we attempt to tackle this year.

Camp cleanup usually goes until about 2 p.m., so if volunteers cannot make it in the morning or have to leave early, we are quite all right with that. The SA would be thankful for any help they receive on that day!

- Camp will provide a cookout lunch for all volunteers.
- Camp will provide all tools and materials....but volunteers can bring their own tools if they would like.

Please contact Bill Blount or Steve Ditmer if you have any questions.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 07, 2014

The meeting minutes of the Portland Rotary Club's Board of Directors is posted on our website the month following their approval. Please go to the "Home Page" and click on the "Board Meeting Minutes" in the listing at the left. Please be patient, as the site is still under construction with the uploads.

Proposed Member Applications

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 22, 2014

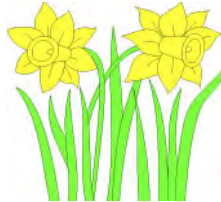
We are posting PROPOSED MEMBER APPLICATIONS on our club website. From the home page, there is a list on the left that says "Site

Pages." Click on the appropriate title near the bottom of the list. You are encouraged to review the applications and provide any feedback you might want to share about the applicants to the officers/chair indicated on the site.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Loretta at: lrowe@maine.rr.com

04/25/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 22, 2014



Invoker: Paul Tully
Program/Presentation Reporter: Dick Hall
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Carl Spang
Registration: Dick Giles
Meal Ticket Sales: Emily McEntee
Greeter: Phil Everett
Raffle: Loretta Rowe
Music - Song Leader: Al Sargent
Music - Piano Player: None
Sgt at Arms - Early: Jake Bourdeau
Sgt at Arms - Late: Mike Reed

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Apr 21, 2014

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



Apr. 25 - **Cumberland County Civic Center**

May 2 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 9 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 16 - Westin Portland Harborview (Eastland) - Coincide with District Conference

May 23 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

May 30 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 6 - **The Clarion Hotel**

Jun 13 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 20 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Jun 27 - **The Clarion Hotel**

Dates in **BOLD** are scheduled Board of Director meetings.

Any questions, please contact Loretta at: lrowe@maine.rr.com

FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 4/22/14)

Posted by William Blount on Apr 22, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - WINTER/SPRING 2014 (updated 4/22/14)

Can anyone stop the Big Ben Machine? Team 3 and Team 5 go head-to-head next week. We'll see. Behind the scenes planning for our end-of-season social event has been ongoing at a frenetic pace. Save the Date:

Monday May 19 at 5:30 p.m. There has been a leak to the media as a preliminary planner who wishes to remain anonymous told a trusted inquirer. More to follow.

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
J Barns	L Gross	J Bourdeau	D Seddon	B Lowry	S Blakeslee
P Noyes	Ken Ray	J Young	D Hall	F Thompson	B Blount
B Moore	C Bowker	D Putnam	H Herodes	A Chipman	R Asch
J Houghton	K Grammer	R Burleigh	L Young	E Jorgensen	J Carr
18	16	21	22	24	16

MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on Feb 23, 2014



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

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