

The Windjammer

News from the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

Tue May 20, 2014

[Home](#)

Hello Loretta! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor David Smith

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

Speakers

May 23, 2014

Joe Foster
World War II History

May 30, 2014

IMPORTANT CLUB ASSEMBLY
A "CAUSE" - THE FUTURE OF
PORTLAND ROTARY

Jun 06, 2014

Maine Senate Speaker Justin Alford
The 126th Legislature

Jun 27, 2014

Professor Charles Norchi
Afganistan

[View entire list...](#)

Club Executives

President

[John Marr](#)

First Vice President

[Kris Rosado](#)

Second Vice President

[Bowen Depke](#)

Treasurer

[Scott Blakeslee](#)

Executive Secretary

[Loretta Rowe](#)

Imm. Past President/Director 2013-14

[Cyrus Hagge](#)

Administrative Coordinator

[Elise Hodgkin](#)

Club Protection Officer

[Kath Grammer](#)

Communications-Ext PR Chair

[Bowen Depke](#)

Communications-Bulletin/Editor

[David Smith](#)

Web Administrator

[Erik Jorgensen](#)

Director - Term Ending 2014

[Eric Lusk](#)

Director - Term Ending 2014

[Charlie Frair](#)

Director - Term Ending 2015

[Toby Cook](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms

[Mike Fortunato](#)

Director - Term Ending 2015

[Steve Stromsky](#)

Download

» [Maine Outdoor Challenge 2014](#)

» [Portland Rotary Constitution](#)

» [Portland Rotary Bylaws](#)

Stories

05/23/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on May 18, 2014



FRIDAY 5/23/14

WE ARE AT THE

HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY



*05/23/14 JOE FOSTER - PAYING BACK: SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND WWII

Posted by David Smith on May 20, 2014

Joe Foster is an adjunct instructor in English and Humanities at York County Community College. In 2007, he retired after nearly four decades at Kennebunk High School, twenty-five of those spent as head of the English Department.

In the last seven years at Kennebunk, he developed a special assignment in his eleventh grade English classes. He asked students to find, interview, and then write a 2500 or more word biography of a World War II veteran, or someone who was an adult during that period. It turned out to be one of the most rewarding parts of his long Kennebunk career. Besides teaching some important recent history, bridging the generations made lasting impressions and memories for all concerned.

Six years ago he started teaching literature and communications at York County Community College in Wells. There he developed a popular course in World War Two called "Days of Infamy... Years of Heroes." It's a history of W.W. II, which he has taught for six semesters over the past five years. Besides the text, lectures, and films, the most important part of the class has been the seven or eight special guests, all W.W. II veterans, who have told their own stories in the class. This has truly made history come alive and made a vivid impression on the students privileged to hear them.

Besides continuing to teach, Joe is an honorary member of the Kennebunk Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He spends time putting in his garden, fussing with two very antique cars, listening to big band music, and contemplating exercise.

05/16/14 BITS AND PIECES FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Posted by Ben Lowry on May 17, 2014



The Portland Rotary Club got a chance to enjoy the new Westin Portland Harborview Hotel for our District 7780 Annual Conference. The hotel has undergone a recent \$50M facelift and we enjoyed seeing the new

and improved grand ballroom.



Portland Rotary Club table: (around the table, starting at the left) John Curran, PP Loretta Rowe, PP Roxane Cole, PP Cy Hagge, Sgt-at-Arms Mike Fortunato, 2nd VP Nominee Laura Young, Honorary member Dr. Liz Fagan, and Dr. Roger Fagan

The Yarmouth High School jazz band serenaded us during the pre-lunch festivities, which included the collapse of the backdrop at the podium just moments before the commencement of the meeting. As usual, **President John** handled the unfortunate decoration malfunction in stride, stating, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall!" Past President **Peggy Wescott**, aka "Queenie," was heard to say, "President John always brings down the house."



President John, calling upon two of our own members to open the ceremonies, requested **Janelle LoSciuto** and **Russ Burleigh** to guide us through "God Bless America" and **President-elect Kris Rosado** led us in a recitation of "The Four-Way Test."

His Honor Michael Brennan, the first elected mayor of Portland in the past 90 years (and a former high school Interact member), was our special guest, welcoming visiting Rotarians and guests to our fine city. Portland was just listed as one of the "14 cities to visit in 2014" by *Business Insider* magazine. All but two of the cities were not in the United States, with the other being Houston. Mayor Brennan reported that Portland now has the most restaurants per capita in the country, overtaking San Francisco! On a more disconcerting note, he told us that the boilers in the basement of the newly renovated Westin are identical and made by the same company that made the boilers for the ill-fated Titanic!

We were then introduced to **Betsey Owen**, District Advisor from Rotary International and a polio survivor. We watched a wonderful video about her life and her commitment to Rotary, which did not begin until 2001, when she retired from a career in teaching in Florida. Since she joined Rotary, she has quickly jumped up the leadership ladder, attaining "Governor" of Rotary International status and being named "Rotarian of the Year" in Florida.

President **Lisa Lessey** from the Kennebunk Club, shared a heartfelt "Rotary Moment" with us, relaying two stories about her young daughters and how they began to realize that Rotary was bigger than just "those lunch meetings mommy goes to," after seeing Rotary in action and hearing about polio eradication. It was nice to hear this heartfelt tale about the impact our organization can have on the mindset of our world's youth.

Our Keynote speaker was D.F. Pace, Commanding Officer of the Philadelphia Police Department's Law and Criminal Procedure Unit. Lt. Pace was selected to be a Rotary Peace Scholar when he was a young adult, which resulted in being one of his most memorable and meaningful experiences. He spent four months at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, where he earned a professional certificate in Peace and Conflict studies. From there, he traveled extensively studying the impact first hand of corporate globalization, labor exploitation and international & transnational crimes like terrorism, drug smuggling and human trafficking. His topic address was: *A Story of the Value of Peace*.

DG Carolyn Johnson,
President John, and
Lt. D. F. Pace



IMPORTANT CLUB ASSEMBLY ON MAY 30, 2014

Posted by Bowen Depke on May 13, 2014

We will have a very important Club Assembly on May 30th. Your attendance is vital to the direction the club will take over the next several years. At the assembly, we will discuss the possibility of the club focusing its efforts on a local "cause" and several suggested causes will be debated. If we decide this is the course our club wants to take, one will be chosen.

Separate documents were sent to you via email that laid out the Board's support for this assembly, the timeline, and a form for submitting your recommendation for a cause. Please provide me (Bowen) with your feedback as soon as you can.

If you have any questions, please email me at bdepke@hotmail.com.

PREPARING FOR THE 2014-15 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by Loretta Rowe on May 12, 2014

THIS IS YOUR **LAST CHANCE** TO CHECK YOUR PERSONAL INFO ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE:

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.**

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

Thank you.

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 with one or more of the contacts indicated on the site.

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

05/16/14 THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on May 20, 2014



Invoker: Kathy Grammer
Program/Presentation Reporter: Ben Lowry
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Bill Blount
Registration: Jan Chapman
Meal Ticket Sales: Janelle LoSciuto
Greeter: Bob Martin
Raffle: Loretta Rowe
Music - Song Leader: Russ Burleigh
Music - Piano Player: Kathy Grammer
Sgt at Arms - Early: Jon Young
Sgt at Arms - Late: Peter Ingram

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on May 20, 2014

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

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



MISSED A PROGRAM?

Posted by David Smith on May 12, 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