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10/17/14 MEETING LOCATION

Posted by David Smith on Oct 11, 2014



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

WE ARE MEETING AT

THE HOLIDAY INN BY-THE-BAY

*10/17/14 MAINE NEWSPAPERS IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET - Seth Koenig, Bangor Daily News

Posted by Peter Goffin on Oct 13, 2014



Our program/speaker this Friday will be Seth Koenig, Portland Bureau Chief for the Bangor Daily News (BDN), Maine's most-read news outlet. In 2009, Seth was named 'Journalist of the Year' by both the Maine Press Association and the New England Newspaper and Press Association, whose judges called his work "refreshingly honest and compelling" as well as "insightful and relevant to his community."

Perhaps relevant to this talk, Seth was named Maine's best news blogger this year by the Maine Press Association and he was one of the editors behind the BDN's award-winning "Portland at a Crossroads" multimedia package, exploring the gentrification of Maine's largest city.

"Portland at a Crossroads" was named the country's best multimedia project by the National Press Photographers Association in June, and Seth's Bangor Daily News colleagues claimed this year's first-place award in the feature category by the Online News Association for a multimedia package titled "The Good Life," looking into how the back-to-the-land movement in the 1970s changed Maine forever.

Seth will talk about multimedia projects such as those and how storytelling has changed, as well as how the Bangor Daily News and other Maine media organizations have adapted in the age of the Internet, the pros and cons to online paywalls, and what's different about how newspapers prioritize stories in the 21st century.

Seth was born and raised in Maine, earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and took master's level classes in strategic technology management from Marlboro College in Brattleboro, Vermont. Seth is an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves, and is married with two children, ages 6 and 7.

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10/10/14 - Patrick Murphy - 25 Days to Go Until the Elections

Posted by Eugene Story on Oct 11, 2014

Our speaker on Friday was Patrick Murphy, President of Pan Atlantic SMS Group, a Maine-based marketing and research firm. He has had an extensive background in supporting the Small Business Administration both nationally and at the state level, as well as, many other activities.

His firm is one of the leading polling firms in Maine and he spoke to us today about the Maine election outlook 2014, based on his polling activities.

He started by showing what the major issues are today to Maine voters and how it's changed in the last few months.

	April 2014	September 2014
	%	%
Jobs / Economy	46	54
Health Care	11	1.5
Education	7.5	3.5
Taxes	3.4	3.4

Mr. Murphy pointed out this could change quickly in the last few weeks to election. He also pointed out that there are many polls reported, some good and some bad. It depends on who interviewed the called and who was called. One-third of the population is not registered to vote, about one-third are registered, but non voters, with about 34-45% actual voters. Many polling firms subcontract the calling to national call centers with little knowledge of the subject and do not ask about the voting history.

Jobs and the economy is the main concern with only 37% approval of the economy in Maine.

Mr. Murphy showed slides of the various support areas of the candidates. While most did not like Governor LePage's style, they were more favorable of his policies. The incumbent usually has an advantage.

In their polling, as of today, Governor LePage leads by 2%, which is within the range of error, so it is essentially a dead heat between LePage and Michaud. Again, he stressed that this can all change in the final weeks.

10/10/14 Bits & Pieces

Posted by David Smith on Oct 13, 2014

President Kris called the meeting to order and asked **Bruce Jones** to offer the invocation. **Bruce** reminded us to be thankful for a fine Fall day, family, friends and fellowship. **Tom Ranello** led us in the Pledge to the flag and **Amy Chipman** led us in our patriotic song, with **Russ Burleigh** on the piano.

Loretta Rowe conducted this week's raffle, which was at \$386, requesting that our speaker draw the name from the pot. **Amy Chipman's** name was pulled and she tried to find the Queen of Hearts. She found a heart, but it was the lowly 5, so the pot continues to grow.



President Kris asked **Russ Burleigh** to share a "Rotary Minute" with us. Referencing how Membership Chair, **Harold Crabill**, is trying to encourage us to increase our member numbers, **Russ** told us the story of how he became a Rotarian: he attended a Rotary meeting and a week later **Harry Sawyer** contacted him to invite him back as his guest, which turned out to be a pivotal moment, as **Harry** became his sponsor. With

that in mind, **Russ** shared the following "Ode to Harry Sawyer" with us:

*There's a guy in our club we call Harry,
Why? 'Cause that's his name - t'ain't Larry!
He's responsible for
A dozen or more
Of members of Portland Rotary.*

*There's Jake and Kathy, two valuable members,
And so many others, it's hard to remember...
Ah yes, Erik and Don,
And another named John.
He recruits from Jan. to December.*

*Did I mention Eugene and a Hagge named Cy?
And the pianist/photographer Russ..... 'tis I?
If we all worked like Harry
To find people for Rotary,
Our membership would be sky high.*

Russ went on to tell us that he was honored to be inducted as a member of Portland Rotary during the 1991 District Conference in Lewiston and he was given his Rotary pin by the Assistant President of Rotary International!!!

Laura Young told us about the Camp Hinds in Raymond for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), which helps train young adults to be leaders, and that volunteers were needed to help the end-of-summer clean-up on Sunday, 10/26. See separate article about RYLA in this Windjammer edition for details.



We had guests-a-plenty at our meeting and they were: Patrick Flaherty, guest of **Harry Sawyer**; Jason Edes, guest of **David Clough**; Peter Carigan, guest of **Bowen Depke**; Carol Walker-Aten, guest of **Laura Young** and Victoria Murphy, wife of our speaker, Patrick Murphy and guest of **David Clough**.



Harold Crabill and **Amy Chipman** presented information on the upcoming District Membership and Foundation seminar to take place on Wednesday, 10/22 at the Fireside Inn, Westbrook. There will be some excellent information on how to increase our membership numbers, as well as the Foundation goals. Since there is a registration fee, the Club will help defray

some of that cost, as best it is able. Please contact either one of them if you wish to attend. Watch your email....more information to come!

President Kris then announced that the first committee meeting for the "Maine Outdoor Challenge" would be held at the Boys & Girls Club, 277 Cumberland Avenue, Portland on Wednesday, 10/15, at noon. If you are on that committee or would like to help, contact President Kris at: kris_rosado@ml.com or just show up.

Then **President Kris** read us an invitation, that is extended to all members, from the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, a recipient of a Club grant, for two receptions for the opening of its new Stewart Center, a state-of-the-art Adult Day Center at OceanView Campus at 74 Lunt Road in Falmouth:

- On Thursday, October 16: A Private Preview Reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; cocktails and hors d'oeuvres; RSVP to Kate Putnam at: kputnam@smaaa.org or call her at 396-6590
- On Friday, October 17: Public Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting from 2:00-6:00 p.m.; ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 p.m.; tours of the Stewart Center from 2:30-6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact **Larry Gross** at: lgross@smaaa.org.

RYLA - Volunteers Needed

Posted by William Ross on Oct 11, 2014

Our club will be hosting a work day to support Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) this month. This is a volunteer event that will be to prepare the sites for the new challenge course elements at Camp Hinds in Raymond, ME. There is a signup page online for volunteers at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA62CAAF94-fall

The event will be Sunday, October 26th at Camp Hinds from 9:00 to 5:00 (or any time in between).

We need landscaping help and food donations/preparation. If you'd like to help, but don't think heavy lifting is for you, we need people to supply/serve pizza, snacks, refreshments, etc. for our volunteers.

If you can't make this event, don't worry. We will be having at least two more in the Spring. This one is geared toward getting the site ready for construction.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Bill Ross at: (207) 351-5294 or by email: william.ross@td.com

Movie Premiere "The Giver" - Book author Lois Lowry

Posted by Ben Lowry on Oct 11, 2014

This past August, a group of 40+ Rotarians and other friends joined Ben Lowry at the Nickelodeon Cinema for the national premiere of "The Giver," a film adaptation of his mother's, Lois Lowry, award winning novel of the same name. Lois joined us at Portland Rotary last year to discuss her career, which has included over 45 books and numerous awards. The film, starring Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges, had been in the works for over 18 years and was premiered in New York, with Ben attending the red-carpet event and screening. It's been a fun journey for everyone who

knows Ben and has read "The Giver," which has sold over 12 million copies since its publication in 1993.

Following are some photos from the NYC and Portland premiere events:



At left: Ben Lowry and his mom, Lois Lowry, at the Red-Carpet Premiere at the Zeigfeld Theater in New York City



At right: Lois Lowry, Ben

Lowry and Harvey Weinstein, producer of the movie..."The Giver."



At left: Actor Jeff Bridges (who stars in the movie) and the beaming, star-struck Ben Lowry in NYC.

At right: a few of the many Rotarians who attended the Portland, Maine premiere at the Nickelodean Cinema: Bill Blount, Barbara and Paul Tully, Laura Young and Loretta Rowe.



10/17/14 THIS WEEK'S DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 12, 2014

Invoker: Dave Small
Program/Speaker Reporter: Dick Hall
Bits & Pieces Reporter: Carl Spang
Registration: Lester Evans
Meal Ticket Sales: Loretta Rowe
Greeter: Ron Bennett



Raffle: Scott Blakeslee
Music - Song Leader: Alan Nye
Piano Player: Russ Burleigh
Sgt-at-Arms - Early: Charlie Frair
Sgt-at-Arms - Late: Matt Tassey

2014 ON-THE-ROAD LOCATIONS FOR PORTLAND ROTARY MEETINGS

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 11, 2014

Rotary year....2014-15.

If you would like to mark your calendars for where our meetings will be held, we are at the following locations through the end of the year:

Oct 17 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Oct 24 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Oct 31 - **The Clarion**

Nov 7 - **The Clarion**

Nov 14 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Nov 21 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Nov 28 - NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 5 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Dec 12 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Dec 19 - Holiday Inn By-the-Bay

Dec 26 - NO MEETING - Happy Holidays

Dates that are in **bold** are scheduled Board of Directors' meeting days.

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



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Posted by Loretta Rowe on Oct 11, 2014

The meeting minutes of the Portland Rotary Club's Board of Directors are posted on our website the month following their approval. From the "Home Page," click on the "Board Meeting Minutes" in the listing at the left.

FROM THE WORLD OF TENNIS (updated 10/14/14)

Posted by William Blount on Oct 14, 2014

THE ROTARY DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE - Fall 2014 (updated 10/14/14)

The matches are tightening up. After Week 5, Dave Seddon's team has blunted the Jim Barns momentum a bit. See you on the courts!

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
J Barns	S Blakeslee	B Lowry	J Bourdeau	L Gross	D Seddon
D Hall	F Thompson	J Young	B Blount	K Ray	P Noyes
A Chipman	T Nickerson	B Moore	H Herodes	C Bowker	D Putnam
J Carr	L Young	K Grammer	H Sawyer	R Burleigh	E Jorgensen
9	7	6	5	5	7

Missed a Program? Catch it on CTN Cable TV!

Posted by David Smith on Oct 11, 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!