



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Portland Maine

The Windjammer

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Future Speakers

Aug 20 2010
[Paul Bradbury - Jetport Manager](#)
"Expanding the Jetport!"

Aug 27 2010
[Our District Governor](#)
"District 7780 Perspective"

Sep 3 2010
[Camp Sunshine](#)
"Camp Sunshine provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses."

Sep 10 2010
[John Spritz - Charter Commission Update](#)
"John Spritz will speak about potential changes to Portland's mayorship."

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The THE FUTURE OF THE CIVIC CENTER

by Mark Carpentier

The Cumberland County Civic Center is a 33 year-old building that is missing out on key acts because its seating capacity is well below other New England venues. And, since it has no luxury boxes, other facilities offer more revenue opportunities for AHL franchises like our Portland Pirates. What to do? The consultant firm of Brailsford & Dunlavey was hired by the Trustees of the Civic Center and is expected to provide rehabilitation recommendations in the next few weeks. Brian Petrovek, Managing Owner/CEO of the Portland Pirates will paint a picture of the situation at our upcoming meeting.

Petrovek arrived in Portland in 2000 and has been an influence in the community ever since. His participation in the community is to be commended. The United Way, the Portland Downtown District, the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Maine Health, Boy Scouts Pine Tree Council, Children's Museum of Maine, American Heart Association have all benefited from his good work. And, he excels in the hockey management world and played the game well, as he was one heck of a goaltender at Harvard in the mid-seventies.

SISTER CITIES

by Mark Carpentier

For the past 22 years the city of Portland, Maine and the city of Archangel, Russia have had a sister city relationship. Each community sends representatives to the other in order to exchange ideas and information while developing personal relationships that rise beyond a country's chauvinism. Archangel is about 1.5 million people and the size of France and is similar to Maine with the paper industry as its primary source of revenue.

Ed Suslovic, was the first speaker and veteran of many visits to Archangel pointed out the connection to Archangel goes back to the Arctic convoys of World War II. He noted how many of the natives remembered those convoys. These ships were built in South Portland and filled with food and supplies. They left Casco Bay and delivered their cargo via the Arctic Circle and it is what kept the Archangel region alive.

Yolena Yevenana, of the Open World Program, described how Open World funded by the U.S. Congress gives grants to communities like



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Portland to host delegations. She also noted how Rotary International is another major supporter. Over 14, 000 Russians have visited at least each one state here in the United States. The goal to improve the lives of our communities and children through person-to-person relationships is quite successful as evidenced by Portland/Archangel sisterhood.

Last December, Troy Moon, the city's environmentalist hosted the Archangel delegation and showed them the area's waste recycling facility, Eco-Maine. Troy was able to visit Archangel in late March/early April and had a wonderful experience but noted the old infrastructure and tight capital are impediments to improving the situation.

Sarah Schmidt is a teacher at Portland High School where she started a Global Studies program. Because of her visit to Archangel she will offer a digital exchange for students at PHS and Archangel's School #6 using Skype. The purpose is to choose from a list of environmental issues common to both cities and spend a semester researching solutions. At the end of the process each student group will visit their sister city and make a presentation to each community's leadership group.

The exchange has been a wonderful program doing good one person at a time.

BITS AND PIECES

by George Crockett

THANK YOU, ROTARY!

More thank you's have come to Portland Rotary. We continue to support **Rotaplast**, the program to provide free surgery to children born with cleft palates and cleft lips. The \$1000 donation is towards a mission of Maine Rotarians early next year to Mexico. If you might be interested in going let me know. We bring smiles to these children.

We have now contributed more than 3000 toiletries to the **Preble Street** to help the homeless. When you travel remember those who you can help. Please, don't do one member did. He proudly collected a whole bag full of toiletries after a visit to Boston and then left them in his room. Wonder what the staff thought when they found them?

We appreciate the work of Captain **Gus Karlsen**. For a second year, in the boat the Portland Rotary club has sponsored in the MS regatta, Gus guided our crew to victory in our division. He did not tell us how many boats we were up against. Kudos to the members who contributed about \$1000 the MS Society?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

President Rick honored those with birthdays this month. **Toby Cook, Nan Sawyer, Mike Fortunato, Bowen Depke, Roger Fagan, Ron Bennett, Dick Hall, Bruce Jones, Scott Blakeslee and John Gaudet.**

MAKING MUSIC?

Mark Carpentier tried something a bit different for the song. A round with three parts. **Dave Small** said it was too complicated. Mark said we could do it. Well Dave was right. By the time we got to the final Row, Row Your Boat in section 3 (where Dave sat) he had already finished all the verses with group 1. (as had most of the rest of group 3). Mark-This needs some work.

GIVE A LITTLE AND GET A LOT !

We still need a few more helpers for the **Boys and Girls Club Steak and Hamburg Dinner**

on August 11th. It is a fun time to work for the kids. See Bob Clark to sign on to help and maybe you can get a steak dinner.

SCAM WARNING!!

At least one member has reported receiving an e-mail, purportedly from **Dick Giles** claiming to be stranded in Europe, penniless due to a customs problem. While we don't know exactly where Dick is (though suspect it's in Maine) we do know that this is some sort of e-mail based scam. **Erik Jorgensen** reported having a similar e-mail from another person whom he'd never heard of, but with the same message. You are free to give Dick all the money you like, but don't do it because you are thinking he's penniless in Prague!

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