



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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2011 - Year in Review

- January - We exchange New Years Greetings with several professional counterparts and long-time friends in Archangel.
- February - Committee member and lawyer Steve Notinger teaches Labor and Bankruptcy Law at the Northern Arctic Federal University in Archangel. He is the guest of Professor Tatiana Zykina.
- March - We send official congratulations to the Drobolyubov Regional Academic Library in Archangel on the 80th Anniversary of its founding.
- April - Committee members join representatives of several other U.S. states in an important conference call to discuss the future of RAROLC and the Rule of Law Program.
- May - Archangel observes Victory Day and urges us to participate in the upcoming observance of the 70th Anniversary of the First Allied Arctic Convoy into Archangel in August 1941. (DERVISH 70).
- June - Committee members help Portsmouth NH host an Environmental Open World Delegation from Severodvinsk. Rule of Law members attend the final meeting of RAROLC states in Manchester NH; although federal funding has expired, individual states vow to carry on the Rule of Law Program.
- July - In Washington, Congressional debate continues on the future funding of the Open World Program; Representative David Price of North Carolina praises Open World as a "unique instrument of outreach" that has "served this body and our Nation's interests well".
- August - Our Committee helps host 3 members of the Archangel Regional Assembly: Andrey Bralnin, Sergey Emmanuilov and Stanislav Vtori. The delegates commemorate DERVISH 70 with a Formal Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Arctic Convoy Memorial in Portland.
- September - Committee members Dennis Marrotte and Michael Finnegan promote the relationship with visits to Archangel and Solovki. Anastasia Bogdanova from the Archangel City Administration arrives in Maine for a month-long fellowship at Portland City Hall; she is funded by the State Department's Legislative Fellows Program.
- October - Archangel City Councilor Dmitri Akishev and his wife Svetlaha visit Maine; he runs in the Maine Half-Marathon Race and she talks about her recent book.
- November - Twelve students, a teacher and the Principal from Archangel School Number 6 visit Portland High School for a week; an April 2012 reciprocal trip is planned. Lawyer Steve Notinger returns to Archangel for another week of teaching.
- December - Our Committee hosts an Accountable Governance Open World Delegation from the Archangel City Administration and from the Archangel Regional Government.