



**The Archangel Committee**  
**The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland**

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2009 - Year in Review

- January - Archangel and Portland Mayors exchange New Years Greetings.
- February - Committee member U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Michael Deasy chairs a legal forum in Philadelphia sponsored by the U.S.-Russia Business Council.
- March - Committee members join representatives of nine other U.S. states at the Annual RAROLC Rule of Law Conference in Boston MA.
- April - The newly formed "American Club" at Pomor University sponsors a photography exhibition with pictures from both nations.
- May - Consul General Sheila Gwaltney from the U.S. Consulate in Saint Petersburg attends "America Week" activities in Archangel from May 18 to May 22.
- June - Our Committee helps host a six person Rule of Law delegation from Archangel sponsored by the Open World Program. Committee member Dennis Marrotte leads a four person science delegation from Plymouth State University to Archangel, the Kenozero National Park and the Solovetsky Islands; while in Archangel, the delegation participates in the Official Celebrations of the city's founding some 425 years ago.
- July - Our Committee website hosts its 25,000th visitor at [www.arkhangelsk.org](http://www.arkhangelsk.org)
- August - Committee members attend the RAROLC Rule of Law Business Meeting in Cambridge MA.
- September - Bankruptcy Judge Michael Deasy leads a five person Rule of Law Delegation from Maine and New Hampshire to Archangel; the themes of the USAID delegation are judicial ethics, court administration, tax law and Bench/Bar relations.
- October - Our Committee helps host a six person Open World environmental delegation from Severodvinsk to its Sister City Portsmouth NH.
- November - On November 19th, the City of Archangel begins two years of special events that will culminate on the 300th Birthday of Mikhail Lomonosov on November 19, 2011.
- December - Our Committee hosts a six person Open World delegation from Archangel and from the Solovetsky Islands; the visit focuses on (1) Education with Plymouth State University, the City of Portland School Department and the Muskie School of Public Policy; & (2) Accountable Government with the City of Portland and the Maine Legal System.