



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2012 - Year in Review

- January - Committee member Ken Green arrives in Archangel for a four week visit where he volunteers to teach English and about the USA at Secondary Schools 6 and 21. He also visits School 117 in the Pinega Region.
- February - Committee member Steve Notinger again spends a week teaching Labor and Bankruptcy Law at the Northern Arctic Federal University in Archangel.
- March - Committee members Ed Suslovic and Kevin Roche (the General Manager of EcoMaine) arrive in Archangel on a USAID grant focusing on community collaboration on environmental issues.
- April - Committee member Carol Lord leads a group of 3 Portland High School students to Archangel where they were guests of Secondary School 6; in addition to attending classes, the students were involved in several community activities, including singing "Happy Birthday to Mayor Viktor Pavlenko!
- May - Committee member Dennis Marrotte attends an evening of Russian culture sponsored by the Portsmouth-Severodvinsk Connection in Portsmouth NH.
- June - The City of Archangel adds its 12th Sister City: Ashdod in Israel. Greater Portland was its 1st Sister City pursuant to a Treaty signed on November 18, 1988.
- July - Our Committee helped the Portsmouth Committee host five officials from the International Institute of Management in Archangel. In addition, we helped Steve Notinger host a summer law intern in New Hampshire and Maine.
- August - Two students from Saint Petersburg State University conclude a summer-long public policy internship with the City of Portland.
- September - Committee member Brian Dimler spends a week in Archangel teaching ~~about American pension plans and laws~~ at the International Institute of Management; he also gave a presentation on economic opportunities at the Northern Arctic Federal University in Archangel.
- October - Our Committee hosts an Open World delegation from Archangel that focuses on environmental and ecological issues.
- November - Our Committee hosts two delegations of high school students: 12 students from Archangel Secondary School 6 visited Portland High School and 3 students from Pinega School 117 visited Case Bay High School in Portland.
- December - Committee member Mary Ann McGarry hosts 3 students from Archangel Secondary School 21 at Plymouth Regional High School in Plymouth NH.