



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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2004 - Year in Review

- January - The Chief Justice of Maine's Supreme Court praises the Maine-Archangel judicial exchange program in her Annual Address to the Maine Legislature.
- February - At our Annual Social Gathering, visiting students from Severodvinsk and Archangel show photographs and speak of their experiences here in Maine and New Hampshire.
- March - Committee members Dennis Marrotte, Neale Duffett and Marina Trebukhina present lectures ~~to~~ school children at the Waterville/Kotlas Committee's Russian Sampler Day at Colby College in Waterville.
- April - Our Committee and the University of Maine School of Law host four law professors from Archangel. Social events are held with members of the Waterville and Portsmouth groups. Seven legal professionals from Maine travel to Archangel and conduct an intense 3 day conference focusing on domestic violence.
- May - Committee member Ray Pelletier guides a Federal Bankruptcy Judge and two other bankruptcy lawyers to Archangel to work with the Archangel Commercial Court. While there, Ray delivers money to the relief fund for victims of the March 2004 apartment house explosion and also delivers medical supplies to Dr. Sosnin.
- June - We help host Kotlas Mayor Alexander Shashurin and his delegation as they visit Waterville. Two engineers from the Maine D.O.T. visit Archangel to work on new techniques regarding bridge and pavement work.
- July - Our High School Exchange Subcommittee is up and running with expanded materials on our website at www.arkhangelsk.org
- August - Committee members attend the Annual Rule of Law Conference in Boston; delegates from seven U.S. states attended.
- September - Our High School Exchange Subcommittee organizes and staffs an informational table at Falmouth High School Activities Night.
- October - Our Committee helps host two separate delegations from Archangel: a seven person Legal group focusing on domestic violence and an eight person legal group focusing on bankruptcy law. A number of enjoyable social events were held with each delegation.
- November - Committee member Masha Vorobieva visits Archangel and meets with leaders of the Duma. In Maine, we attend the Waterville/Kotlas Annual Meeting where the late Founder of their exchange Natalia Kempers was honored and remembered.
- December - Our Committee website records its 10,000th visitor.