



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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2000 - Year in Review

- January - At our Annual Meeting, Dennis Marrotte and Alex Norzow discuss their activities in Archangel when the Humanitarian Aid container arrived in November, 1999. The container cleared customs after they returned home.
- February - Our Committee co-sponsors Harvard Professor and Russian expert Richard Pipes at a World Affairs Council Seminar.
- March - Some members attend the meeting of the Portsmouth/Severodvinsk Connection where Linda Gunn is selected as their new President.
- April - Some members attend two public forums on current Russian events sponsored by the Waterville/Kotlas Connection.
- May - Two Maine Law School professors conduct a conference of four American and four Russian legal clinics in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Two Archangel government officials attend a legal seminar in Petrozavodst, Karelia on land transfer and recording. Our Committee co-sponsors the dedication of the World War II Arctic Convoy Memorial in Portland.
- June - Three people from the Maine Department of Transportation visit Archangel and work with their counterparts in the Archangel Regional Transportation Administration. This continuing exchange is funded by the U.S. Highway Admin.
- July - Archangel Regional Deputy Governor Nikolai Malakov visits Maine and meets with Committee members as well as government and business leaders. Committee member Bob Willett visits Archangel and meets with Pomor Vice-Rector Vladislav Goldin to gather information about the Intervention for a book that Bob is writing.
- August - Eight Judges from the Archangel Oblast are hosted here by the Maine Law School and by the Federal and State Judiciary. An engineer from the Archangel highway department is hosted by the Maine DOT and learns about municipal services and bridge construction.
- September - Three American doctors from the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia attend a World Health Organization Conference in Archangel. A law professor and a judge from Maine visit Archangel to work on a project designed to establish a system of written legal precedent.
- October - Margarita Shengur, a teacher from Archangel School Number 6, and her husband Valeri visit Maine and meet with members of our Committee to discuss future.
- November - Committee leaders visit several organizations in Archangel to discuss opportunities for future cooperation and exchanges. Three people from Maine DOT visit Archangel and sponsor a "Snow & Ice Control" Workshop.
- December - The Committee's improved website records its 1000th visitor.