



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2008 - Year in Review

- January - Committee member Ray Pelletier meets with Sergey Namoylik in the Archangel Mayor's Office to discuss plans for 2008.
- February - Our Committee website hosts its 21,000 th visitor at www.arkhangelisk.org
- March - Committee members join representatives of nine other U.S. states at the Annual Rule of Law Conference in Manchester NH.
- April - Portland Mayor Ed Suslovic leads another combined sister city/rule of law delegation to Archangel to help celebrate the 3rd Annual "America Week". Also on the trip are Ed's daughter Kate and Portland Police Officers Joe Laoughlin and Rick Betters. The delegation meets with about 25 Open World Alumni during the trip, including Governor Ilya Mikhalchuk.
- May - Maine District Court Judge Joseph Field leads a 4 person rule of law delegation to Archangel and Kingsepp in the Leningrad Oblast. The focus of the trip is juvenile justice.
- June - The Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, visits with several Open World alumni in Archangel and out on the Solovetsky Islands. Portland Police Chief Joe Loughlin speaks about his trip to Archangel on WGAN Radio.
- July - A 5 person delegation from Portsmouth NH visit Archangel enroute to their sister city Severodvinsk on the 70th Anniversary of its founding.
- August - Committee members attend the Rule of Law summer business meeting in Manchester NH.
- September - Committee member Carol Lord helps the Maine DOT host two Archangel Transportation Department engineers: Olga Titova and Ludmilla Kalinina. Our Committee helps host a 6 person rule of law delegation of judges to Maine that focused on juvenile justice.
- October - Our Committee hosts two people from Solovki: meteorologist Tatiana Nikitina and old friend Anna Balandina; the two spend two weeks at the Mount Washington Observatory. Miami lawyer John Cardillo teaches a litigation course at Pomor University in Archangel and is met by our Archangel friends.
- November - Chicago lawyer and Committee member Tom Clancy teaches an arbitration course at Pomor University and is met by our Archangel friends.
- December - Our committee hosts a 4 person Open World delegation from the City of Archangel and from the Solovetsky Islands; the visit focuses on accountable government and on education.