



The Archangel Committee
The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland
P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2005 - Year in Review

- January - We exchange New Year's Greetings with Archangel Oblast and Municipal governments.
- February - At our Annual Social Gathering, representatives from our Committee, the Waterville Committee and the Portsmouth Committee present plans for 2005; in addition, visiting students from the Archangel Region speak about home.
- March - Our Committee hosts the Archangel Rock Band "Blind Vandal", including three musicians, an engineer and a manager. The Band performs concerts in Maine and Massachusetts, is featured on WBLM and WMPG radio stations, and is the subject of a large story in the Portland Press Herald.
- April - Committee members join representatives from eight other U.S. states at the Annual Rule of Law Conference in Boston.
- May - Committee and World War II Convoy Veteran Donald Wampler joins over 100 British convoy veterans in Archangel to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Victory Day. A Maine legal delegation travels to Pskov (near Saint Petersburg) to participate in a conference focusing on domestic violence & child protection.
- June - Committee members help the Maine Department of Transportation host Archangel Traffic Safety Engineer Denis Kulizhnikov.
- July - Our Committee website records its 12,000th visitor (www.arkhangelsk.org)
- August - Committee members Dennis Marrotte and Jean Souliere attend a conference of Northeastern American communities with Russian sister cities in Saratoga Springs NY. Other members attend official and social events in Portsmouth NH relating to a visiting delgation from Severodvinsk and the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty. Finally, member Linda Rennebu travels to Kotlas and Archangel with the Waterville group.
- September - Our Committee helps host an eight member legal delegation from Archangel which included Regional and Commercial Court Judges.
- October - We participate in an organizational meeting of Portland-area international groups that are planning a "Citizen Summit" in 2006.
- November - We attend the Waterville/Kotlas Annual Meeting.
- December - Our Committee hosts a four person delegation from the Solovetsky Islands in the White Sea northwest of the City of Archangel. The delegation is led by Solovki Mayor Dmitri Lugovoy and Solovki Museum Assistant Director Svetlana Lebedeva. Plans for a continuing relationship are discussed.