

The Roundtable

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A Journey Through Golden Arches

Fipping burghers and asking “Do you want fries with that” is not a career aspiration for most folks. It certainly wasn’t for new Breakfast Rotary member **Tyler Hoxie**, but working at McDonald’s helped pay for his car and tuition.

In his classification talk this morning, Tyler explained how his job at McDonald’s fit into his life at Brewer High School, his appointment as a Senate page by then-Senator Olympia Snowe, and his studies at the University of Maine.

The lifetime Bangor-area resident took Advanced Placement courses in history and macroeconomics in high school. He also played golf and was a bowler. “So I was sort of a jock,” he said.

As a Senate page, he attended US Senate Page School. Arising early for studies, he then responded to the bidding of Senate staff. He described a conversation with Senator Joe Biden who had invited all the pages into his office toward the end of their time on the Hill.

Tyler continued the bidding of McDonald’s when he returned to Maine while completing his studies at UMaine. As for McDonald’s, “I worked with a wide variety of people with a wide variety of attitudes. I really did not want to do this the rest of my life,” he said.

He majored in Finance with a minor in Business Management at UMaine. No job offer loomed. “So I went on to Google and typed something like ‘Bangor investing.’ He aimed for an internship somewhere, and former Breakfast Rotarian **Jenifer Wilson** of Deighan Wealth Advisers did a groundbreaking action by offering Tyler that company’s first internship.

His success in that position led to a fulltime job offer at Deighan after graduation. He is a Portfolio Administrator and Associate Analyst and enjoys the comfortable office



environment. Tyler continues to study. He took and passed the Chartered Financial Analyst 1 test and is working on taking the second level test toward his CFA certification. He stays informed as to the workings and directions the economy is going.

His music tastes are eclectic (“I like rap”). He thanks **Lucie Estabrook** for inviting him to join the Breakfast Rotary. “I like to have things to do.” He will not remain “unemployed” in the club’s fellowship.

David Zelz appended Tyler’s McDonald’s story. David applied to company in the early 1970’s and did NOT get hired.

The Morning’s Business

Ken Kimball has a few volunteer slots open for next week’s *All That Jazz* program. Members working for the event need to be at Peakes Auditorium at 5:30 on Wednesday for the show that starts at 7 pm.

Ken thanked **Ken Huhn** who helped the project exceed its before-show fundraising goal.

Kylee Roberts, president of the Interact Leaders Club, announced a lock-in style fundraiser this Friday evening at the Bangor Y. The club has been raising money and collecting food donations. In addition, they will be making dog and cat treats, dog toys and blankets to present to the Humane Society.

Caroline King is happy for the JudyFest. She said also that the time change “makes me cranky,” although she was cheery this morning. **Dave Merritt** gave a “I’m just happy” dollar.

Birthdays: The **Wahlstrom/Myers Award-Winning Birthday Song Duo** serenaded **Jen Khavari, June Kontio** and **Judy Horan**. Judy is just coming off “JudyFest,” her month-long birthday celebration. Each of today’s celebrants wore tee shirts that said “*So Far, This Is The Oldest I’ve Ever Been.*”

Lisa Wahlstrom thanked those who have placed ads in the Jazz program book. And from the Roundtable’s Department of Corrections, this correction: Lisa will be participating in a Bowl-a-Thon in two weeks to benefit the Good Samaritan Agency. The date published last week’s Roundtable was incorrect. Lisa said also that the Bangor Symphony Orchestra soiree “was the best ever.”

Eyebrows rose a little when **John Cheney** gave “an expectant dollar.” His clarification revealed his happiness that spring arrives next week.



Kylee Roberts

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