

The Roundtable

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Erich Herbert Wins Classification Talk

Actually, new member **Erich Herbert** was the only name on today's Breakfast Rotary speakers' ballot to tell us about his life and career. A native of Germany, he spent his young years there. His parents moved to the area outside Philadelphia while Erich was a young teen. His love for New England began when he went to college in Boston.

His careers kept him traveling. His first position was with German-based Hanover Fairs, a company that produces fairs nationally. Erich's multilingual skills (German and English) helped him get his first job that needed a translator. Other sales and promotion work helped him "be an expert at a young age to help companies build their companies." When he joined the publishing world, he helped companies make business connections.

Marriage and two sons shifted his perspective about the huge amount of travel required by his work and the time he was away from his family.

"I needed to change my career trajectory. My kids and family are more important," he said, adding that they moved from New York to New Hampshire. "It is more rural and there's more space."

Erich's office in New York looked out on the Twin Towers. He left on a business trip on September 7, 2001. That was a Friday. When he returned the next week, the Towers were gone.

"All the kids were taken to day care until their parents could pick them up. Six or seven children never got picked up, and grandparents or other relatives came for them," he said. "My kids' friends did not come back."

Erich's son William is in the 10th grade at the Winchendon School in Massachusetts. (He said William was "student of the week.") Brandon is in the eighth



grade and likewise wants to attend a private school. School interviews continue for the family. "We'll soon be 'empty nesters,'" he said.

He decided to "withdraw" a few years ago from his career trajectory to devote more time to his family. Erich says his position at the Bangor Daily News in digital sales is helping his reentry into his work of into guiding businesses' growth.

"I am in a good position with my family and my career," he said. His wife keeps their house in New Hampshire; she works for COMCAST.

Erich wins also on the lacrosse field, although he emphasized that he does not coach the teams "to win," but rather on how to play the game using good sportsmanship. In ten years of coaching, his teams had nine winning seasons. "I smile at my team while I watch the opposing coach yell and scream at his team." Erich was president of the Lacrosse Club in New Hampshire that had 300 members and sixteen teams.

Erich's intent in joining the Breakfast Rotary is to meet more people and continue working for projects that benefit kids.

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Carpe diem

President Kristy Kimball gave a brief report on the Board of Directors meeting held yesterday. One item was the attendance report that showed a 66 percent attendance average for October. We have 44 active members, three members on Leave-of-Absence and one honorary member.

Kendra Speed will welcome everyone tomorrow at the Brewer Auditorium where cooking pancakes and other delectables will start at 6 am. The annual Veterans Day breakfast is from 7-10 am. She said her committee is doing fine with the number of volunteers, but if you want to help with the clean-up, you will not be sent home.

Veterans Day Breakfast proceeds benefit the Coats for Kids project. The other fundraiser coming in one month is the Dinner/Auction, whose proceeds turn into scholarships of EMCC students. **Sandy Blitz** says we need more donations. They can be delivered to the meeting room at Rangeley Hall, or make arrangements with Kristy. All items should be delivered a week before the auction. Posters and brochures are available to help promote the event and sell 150 tickets. The auction committee meets next Wednesday at 7:10 am at Dysarts on Broadway.



There were some sad dollars proffered that reflected the outcome of the election. So, how do election results affect the stock market? Bar Graph Researcher **Joe Pratt** found out by reviewing the S&P 500 Total Return Index dating back to Harry Truman in 1948. Since then, the average rate of return in the calendar year of the election was 10.16 percent. The average rate in the calendar year after the election was 9.99 percent.

Tom Violette attended and praised the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of Eastern Maine Community College. He congratulated Breakfast Rotarians **Lisa Larson** and **Jennifer Khavari** for the successful event.

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