

# The Roundtable

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## **Bangor? You bet!**

**H**is enthusiasm for the city of Bangor is well-placed. Paul Hilchey-Chandler is the Membership and Sales Specialist for the Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau, and he preached the gospel of Bangor at this morning's meeting.

The Bureau "sells" Bangor as a destination for conventions, business meetings and



**Paul Hilchey-Chandler and Trudy Darling**

festivals. The recent beer and wine festivals tapped- so to speak – into the Bangor Waterfront space and views. Mr. Hilchey-Chandler traced the history of the National (now American) Folk Festival. Portland's rejection of the Festival's request to come to their city was Bangor's win. Officials arrived 16 years ago in February and sampled the snow on the waterfront. The elevated view from a nearby hotel convinced them that the Festival should locate here. The rest is, as they say, history.

Mr. Hilchey-Chandler distributed a jam-packed Region Guide that gives visitors many ideas for recreation in and around Bangor. The Bureau works for economic development for the region by providing information to potential businesses that might locate in the area. It also helps employees with relocation information.

The CVB is not funded by taxes and must rely on memberships and events. The collateral benefit of these events is demonstrated by the "Wheels on the Waterfront" on September 9 that will feature 400 unique cars and 5,000 people expected to arrive to view them.

"We are big enough to offer what many conventions need, but small enough to help people 'get off the concrete' and enjoy our natural settings," he said.

## A beautiful day

The morning's business included the Membership Committee report that we have 44 members. **Chairman Sandy Blitz** said 50 is the goal by the end of the year. **President Doug Townsend** thanked the many members who helped at the American Folk Festival's Beer Tent.

As we know, the beautiful weather is not happening in the Texas/Louisiana coasts. The Bangor chapter of the American Red Cross sent **Caroline King** to Houston to help. **Maureen Hedges** said plans for tonight's dinner at the Salvation Army, at which Caroline and helpers had planned to cook, have changed: no cooking, pizza will be brought in. Maureen gave a Happy \$ for her vacation, during which she viewed the eclipse.

The Rotary Brew Fellowship Event "For the love of Rotary and Beer" is scheduled for this Saturday, September 2 at the Atlantic Brewing Company on Knox Road in Bar Harbor, 1 pm "until we kick the keg," says the flyer. Scott Boucher can take your reservation at sboucher@barresibenefits.com.

**EMCC President Lisa Larson** reported that classes have begun. She issued an invitation to support a rubber duck in the upcoming Good Samaritan Agency fundraiser. Prayers, and a Sad \$ went out for the people in Texas from **June Kontio**, who is happy that her daughter is in Austin. Meteorological Statistician **Paul Miragliuolo** said that this fact will not be on the quiz, but we should remember that one inch of rain equals one foot of snow.

Doug closed the meeting with these "words to live by":  
**People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives, be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway. What you spend years building, someone may destroy overnight; build anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you have anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.**

- Anonymous

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Wilson Park, Orono  
8:30 am, August 31

