

The Roundtable

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A Real Page Turner

“ I enforce the importance for Bangor to be a book town.”

Independent bookseller Gibran Graham, owner of The Briar Patch Bookstore and Coe Space in Bangor, testified at Thursday’s breakfast meeting that the city has a huge book culture.

Mr. Graham came to Bangor thirty years ago, and he demonstrates his enthusiasm for the city by serving on the City Council and promotes the many opportunities for learning and recreation.



That combination is available on November 17 at the Bangor Public Library when the quarterly meeting of Pecha Kucha happens. The evening’s format allows 6-8 presentations, each lasting no longer than six minutes and 40 seconds. Mr. Graham said the event seeks presentations (“you can talk about anything,” but it has to fall within the time limit). The website, pechakucha.org, will (quickly) tell you more about this international organization.

Mr. Graham reminded us of the Bangor Book Festival scheduled for this Saturday at the Bangor Public Library. On Friday night, the Gracie Theater at Husson University will host a showing of the film “I Know a Man,” about the artistry and life of Ashley Bryan, a longtime resident of Little Cranberry Island. Admission is free and starts at 7 pm.

The Briar Patch bookstore has traditionally catered to young readers. Mr. Graham said he is expanding his inventory to include more books aimed at adult readers.

“I love to do all that I can do. I don’t want to miss opportunities to make Bangor even better. The energy of the people makes it all better,” he said.

In the beginning

Bond. **Nat Bond**, that is. He visited today, lamenting that he has not been able to get to meetings for 3 ½ years. He said he doesn’t quite qualify for a cochlear implant because he has a tiny bit of hearing. He reminded us of his worries a few years ago about

his grandson who went into the Marines, but stayed stateside (California) flying drones. When he got out of the service, he resumed flying drones. Overseas. His other grandson is at the University of Pittsburgh. Nat and his wife, Beth, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. **Paul Miragliuolo** gave a Happy\$ for Nat's visit.

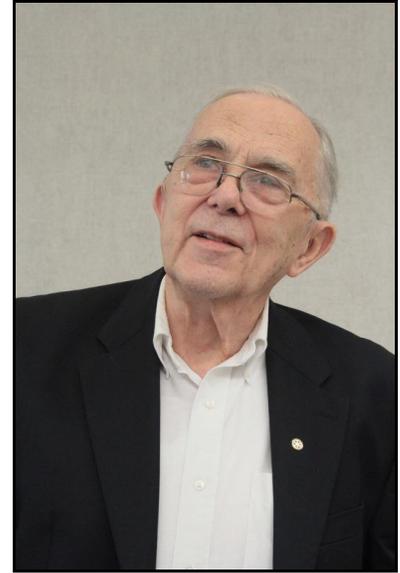
Ken Kimball found a venue for the *All That Jazz* concert in March: the Gracie Theatre at Husson University. **Kristy Kimball** will conclude her fifth year as chairman of the annual dinner and auction in December. She will continue to help with the electronic bidding portion of the event, but she seeks a new chairman and co-chairman. Under her leadership, the auction raised increased funds for the \$10,000 scholarship fund to Eastern Maine Community College. Last year's event raised \$27,000.

Kendra Speed urged action for the placemat ads and sponsorships for the Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast.

President Doug Townsend read a list of sponsors for last year's breakfast and invited members to call those whom they know. Kendra reminded us to use social media and other means to get the word out about the change of venue: the breakfast will be at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, NOT the Brewer Auditorium. "We will need a lot of help," she said. Sign-up sheets will be available next week.

The Purple Pinkie project starts tomorrow night with Interact members working the table at the Bangor Noon Anniversary Gala. Other dates have available table slots. Sign-up sheets circulate.

Globetrotter **Ann Dyer** had a wonderful time in London and Scotland. Globetrotting is also in the **David Zelz** genes. While his wife and mother travel to Italy, he refuses to be a stay-at-home guy; he will visit Belfast and Northern Ireland. The **Kimballs** have made reservations for a real vacation to visit Scotland.



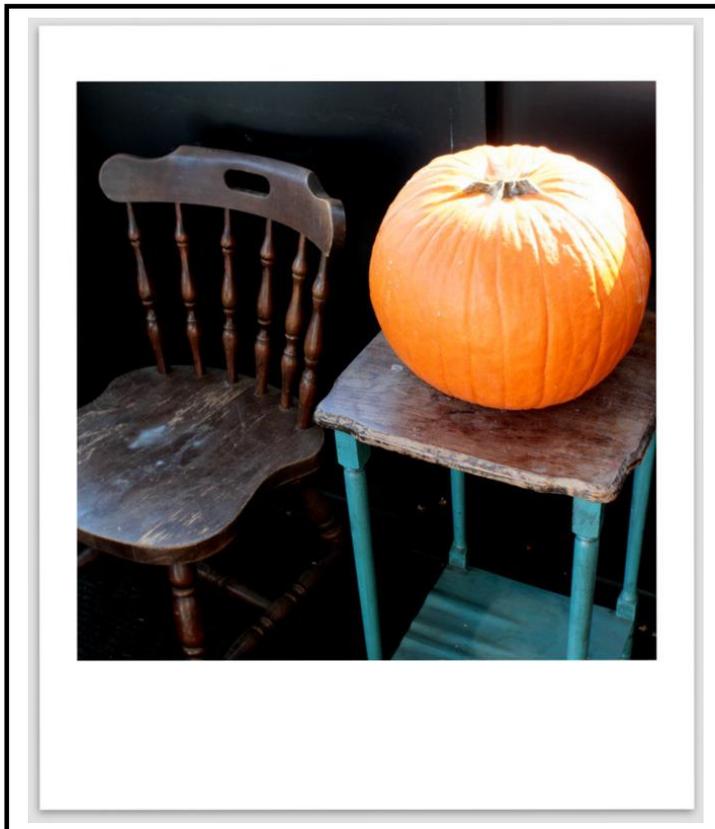
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We remember Tom Drummond, a founder of the Breakfast Rotary, who passed away October 4, 2017. His obituary was published in the Bangor Daily News, October 7-8.



Artist Ashley Bryan in his studio, Islesford, Maine 1988

Photo- Les Myers



China Garden Restaurant, Orono, October 9, 2017