



# Make Shift Coffee House Advisory Board

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*The purpose of the Make Shift Coffee House Advisory Board is to (1) provide advice on how to achieve the purpose, mission, and vision of the Make Shift Coffee House project, (2) help to financially support the effort, and (3) serve as ambassadors and make connections with helpful people and organizations.*

*Make Shift Coffee House is fiscally sponsored by Friends of the Maine State Library. Our address is 98 Maine Street, Brunswick ME 04011. Our phone number is 207-729-5607. You can reach us online at [MakeShiftCoffeeHouse.com](http://MakeShiftCoffeeHouse.com) or via email at [Craig@Freshley.com](mailto:Craig@Freshley.com).*

## Co-Chairs

### **Dr. Demi Kouzounas**

**Dentist and Chair, Maine Republican Party  
Saco**

Demi Kouzounas, a graduate from University of Maine at Orono, graduated in 1981 from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She is one of the founders of Bright Smiles, a free children's clinic in Portland, which has seen children, for the last 7 years, who may have newly immigrated or do not have MaineCare coverage. She also is the cofounder of 'Dentists Who Care for ME' which gives an annual day of free care. She has also served as the president of the Maine Dental Association and has been very involved legislatively concerning access-to-care issues.



### **Kathleen Marra**

**Chair, Maine Democratic Party  
Kittery**

Kathleen Marra was elected as Maine Democratic Party Chair in January 2019. She previously served as a Chair of the Kittery Democratic Committee, Vice Chair of the York County Democratic Committee, and as a member of the Democratic State Committee. She attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale Law School in the summer of 2018 and is currently in the Master's of Political Management Program at George Washington University. Kathleen has been a small business owner and helped start Combat Knitters, which provided knitting "care packages" and a learning & support community for Navy personnel deployed at NATO medical facilities in Afghanistan.



## Members

### **Sydney Avitia-Jacques**

**Community Organizer with the Maine People's Alliance  
Portland**

Sydney Avitia-Jacques grew up believing in the importance of learning from people with different backgrounds, as a Mexican-American in the diverse city of Los Angeles. She moved to Brunswick, ME in 2014 to study Sociology and Cinema Studies at Bowdoin College. While at Bowdoin, she worked on mental health programming, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and statewide environmental justice. The power of storytelling and self-expression to create wellbeing, unity, and respect was a common thread throughout those projects. As a Community Organizer for the Maine People's Alliance, Sydney now works to engage Mainers from diverse backgrounds in progressive solutions to community problems.



### **Phillip Bartlett II, Esq.**

**Attorney and Former Chair, Maine Democratic Party  
Gorham**

Phil Bartlett was first elected Chair of the Maine Democratic Party in 2014. Previously, he served as Maine's Democratic National Committeeman following eight years of service in the Maine Senate. First elected at age 28, he served as Senate Majority Leader from 2008 to 2010. Phil has been a champion of progressive values, leading efforts to implement a strong energy policy focused on efficiency and renewable energy and advocating for LGBTQ and civil rights. Phil practices law at Scaccia, Bartlett & Chabot, with a focus on workers' compensation law, representing injured workers.



### **Chloe Beattie**

**Mt. Ararat High School Recent Graduate  
Brunswick**

Chloe Beattie plans to study Social Work at the University of Southern Maine. In high school, besides being an honor roll student for four years, she earned captaincy of both the Varsity Soccer and Hockey teams; her understanding of people and verbal skills encouraged her to seek out mediating groups of people. When she isn't hiking Maine's rocky trails, or enjoying the sun at various Harpswell beaches, she spends time with her family and works in Freeport, Maine.



## Henry Chance

**Project Management Consultant, DRT Strategies  
Washington, DC**

Henry Chance is a project management consultant and Master Scheduler living in Washington, DC. He has supported clients and projects for the U.S. Military, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Department of Agriculture. Henry is a former wilderness trip leader and serves on Kieve-Wavus Education Inc's advisory board. Henry is also a certified Wilderness First Responder. He finds that the triage and emergency management protocols he learned can be as handy in the office as they are in the backwoods.



## Mike Cunningham

**Chair, Waldo County Republican Party**

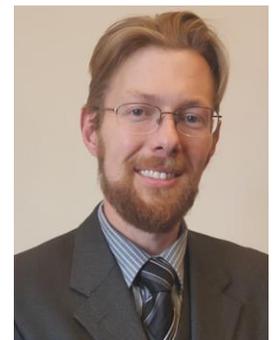
Michael Cunningham was born in Maine and raised in Waldo county. After leaving Maine at 18, Michael ended up spending the next 11 years exploring roughly 40% of the world. After having spent three years in some of the worst war zones, he has become an expert in dealing with conflict. He survived 15 months of the "Korengal Valley" and this life changing experience of his is featured in the movies "Restrepo" and "Korengal." After leaving the US Army, he was instrumental in establishing the Nineveh Plains Protection Unit of Iraq, an Assyrian military unit partnered with Kurdish and Iraq government forces. He has successfully talked his way out of a real life "Mexican standoff" and survived many other impossible situations. Having all this experience, it seemed only natural to become the chair of the Republican party for his county right after the 2016 election. Immediately upon assuming this new responsibility, he went to look for creative and fun ways to bring people together. So far to date, Make Shift Coffee House has been one of the best things he has found. He is eternally grateful to Craig for recruiting him to the advisory board, and sees Make Shift Coffee House as a model for the nation.



## John Doyle, Esq.,

**Chair, Cumberland County Republican Party  
Baldwin**

John H. Doyle is an attorney, farmer and father of six young children. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary as well as the University of Virginia School of Law and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. John is dedicated to engaging discourse and promoting civic engagement. John serves as Deputy Counsel to the Governor of the State of Maine, as a member of his local School Board, and leads the Cumberland County Republican Committee.



## Jane Gallagher

**Volunteer  
Yarmouth**

Jane Gallagher is the board secretary of the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine, a board member of Mindbridge Center, a co-chair of Casco Bay Friends of Safe Passage, and an active volunteer for Maine Law's Justice for Women Lecture Series. She worked at Dietel Partners, Efficiency Maine, Safe Passage, and on five Dick Woodbury campaigns since/while raising 3 spirited children. Jane graduated from Amherst College and Cornell Law School and was a law clerk for Hon. Joseph Tauro, before working at Bingham Dana in Boston and Jones Day in Pittsburgh. Jane lives in Yarmouth with her husband and two exuberant dogs.



## Mary Herman

**Organizational Development Consultant  
Brunswick**

Mary Herman 'wears many hats' in her consulting business. Having lived and worked in Maine for nearly four decades, Mary knows the unique landscape of the state — and the unique needs of Maine businesses and organizations. In the course of her professional work and as First Lady of Maine, she has forged relationships with hundreds of leaders and influencers. Her connections in business, government and the nonprofit world span from Aroostook County to York County. In her involvement in the nonprofit, health care, social service, education, and governmental/public policy sectors, she draws upon an abundance of wisdom and resources to create amazing ideas and creative solutions.



## Anne Jackson

**Former Chair, Maine Community Foundation  
Yarmouth**

Anne Jackson earned a B.A. in Political Science from Smith College. She was a consultant to non-profit organizations for eleven years, working with the leadership of nonprofits on strategic planning, board development and fundraising. She is a graduate of the Institute for Civic Leadership's (ICL) Leadership Intensive Program. She is a former chair of the board for the Maine Community Foundation and has served on the boards of the Institute for Civic Leadership, Kieve Wavus, Hurricane Island Outward Bound and of the Waynflete School. Anne and her husband, Dick, live in Yarmouth. They have four grown children.



## Linda Lord

**Former Director, Maine State Library  
Brooks**

Linda H Lord is the Maine State Librarian (ret). Prior to that she worked as a high school teacher and librarian, the Maine Department of Education's Instructional Technology Coordinator, and Deputy State Librarian. She had testified before a Congressional Committee and the Federal Communications Commission regarding broadband technology and the federal e-rate program. Linda is a recent member of the League of Women Voters of Maine State Advisory Board, and is the President of the Friends of the Maine State Library. In her hometown, she is chair of the planning board, a church deacon, and organist. She loves Maine!



## Mike Lord

**Retired Military (Army and Marines)  
Hollis**

Mike Lord was born in Brunswick in the 1950's and grew up as a military dependent in many different states during major cultural shifts. Mike found his way into the military and retired after twenty plus years in the Marine Corps and Army. He has traveled to many countries, including Kuwait and Iraq. Mike has been a carpenter, worked with concrete, managed a printing press, operated a carwash, was a Park Ranger, and also taught leadership skills to kids as well as adults. Mike earned a degree in Geology that brought him to do work with GIS and drawing maps by hand.



## Dr. Sharon McDonnell

**Public Health Physician and Epidemiologist  
Yarmouth**

Sharon McDonnell BSN, MD, MPH trained as a nurse and then as a doctor. She has worked internationally with the World Health Organization and the US CDC as a Public Health physician and epidemiologist. Currently, Sharon lives in Yarmouth ME and does consulting work on international infectious diseases outbreaks. She also teaches at the University of New Hampshire in the Masters of Public Health Program. She is committed to civil discourse and helped lead a project for three years in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont called "The Community Forum". It involved ongoing meetings to practice discussing controversial topics with each other and learning to listen.



## Melanie Merz

**Marketing Consultant, Bullhorn Baby**  
**Make Shift Coffee House volunteer**  
**South Berwick**

Melanie Hatfield Merz is a Sales and Marketing professional from South Berwick, ME. Melanie has extensive experience working with small companies traveling on fast growth trajectories and is a recent 10 To Watch nominee. Melanie enjoys seeking Maine adventures with her husband James and their two young children. Melanie is committed to community service and is an active volunteer for Make Shift Coffee House, End 68 Hours of Hunger and is the Chair of The Friends of Lafayette House - a group home in Portsmouth NH for 12 developmentally disabled adults where Melanie's brother currently resides.



## Pamela Plumb

**Facilitator and former Chair of Portland City Council**  
**Portland**

Pamela Plumb is co-founder of Great Meetings! Inc. and co-author of Great Meetings! Great Results, a practical guide to the preparation and facilitation of productive meetings. Pam is also the principal in Pamela Plumb & Associates, which provides process, facilitation and conflict management consulting as well as facilitation training for a wide variety of public, non-profit and business clients. Prior to starting PP&A in 1991, Pamela spent eleven years in local politics serving as a City Councilor and Mayor in Portland, Maine. During that time, she served as President of the National League of Cities for a year. She is a former member of the board of TDBanknorth Group (later TD Bank), Tom's of Maine, and a variety of philanthropic boards in the Portland area, where she continues to play an active role. She is currently Co-Chair of Maine Revives Civility along with Ryan Pelletier, County Executive of Aroostook County.



## Jamie Ritter

**Director, Maine State Library**  
**Augusta**

James (Jamie) Ritter is the State Librarian for Maine. In this role, he works with Maine State Library staff to ensure that library service across the state aim to help people, make libraries stronger, and transform information into knowledge. With prior corporate experiences, he challenges how libraries tackle traditional structural, operational and organizational management practices, while making sure that core library values associated with trusted information, civil discourse, and full access remain sacrosanct. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Delaware, Newark, DE and Master's Degrees in Library & Information Science, and Creativity & Innovation from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.



## Cathy Roberts

**President, Pieceworks, Inc and Former Selectperson  
Montville**

Cathy Roberts is a long-time resident of Maine. She is a graduate of Hampshire College with a BA degree in Human Ecology and Environmental Education. She holds certificates in Facilitation, Mediation and Conflict Resolution. Cathy is co-founder and President of Pieceworks, Inc., a custom contract manufacturing business in the mid-coast region. An active member in her community, she has served on the town Select Board for several years, and is a current member of the Planning Board. As volunteer Coordinator for the Maine PeaceJam Chapter, an international educational organization, she has provided leadership training and peace education for youth throughout Maine.



## Lisa Wilson

**Freelance Editor  
Yarmouth**

After 17 years researching and writing travel guidebooks for *Frommer's* and *Lonely Planet*, Lisa returned to the U.S. to study *Intercultural Communication*, and finally settled in Yarmouth in 2000. In this political era, when words are used as weapons and shields, instead of tools for understanding, she's proud to be included in the Make Shift Coffee House effort to revive thoughtful conversation and respect for difference in our communities, our State, and our nation-full of neighbors.



## Blake Winslow

**College Student  
Presque Isle**

Blake Winslow is a college student at The University of Maine, Presque Isle studying political science. He has held and continues to hold leadership positions in the Republican Party, where he has served as a County Chairman, and a member of the Platform, Bylaws, and State Committees. He currently holds positions as the Chapter Chair of the College Republicans at Thomas College, and is Vice Chairman of the Maine Federation of the Republican Party. He hopes to continue to serve his community and state by bringing politics to the roundtable.



## Laura Young

### **Vice President for Philanthropy, Maine Community Foundation Yarmouth**

Laura L. Young serves as vice president of philanthropy for the Maine Community Foundation, a position she has held since 2005. She oversees the foundation's statewide advancement, marketing and communications and works directly with donors to help them pursue their philanthropic goals. Laura also worked as senior vice president and director of corporate philanthropic initiatives at Demont & Associates, a Portland firm providing philanthropic counsel and related services to not-for-profit organizations. She has served on the boards of her alma mater, Bates College, Portland Rotary, the Center for Grieving Children and on the United Way's Greater Portland Community-Wide Goal Setting Council.

