# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268 Rotary Theme for 2011-2012:

"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

## Wednesday, January 25, 2012

2011-2012 Officers and Directors: Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee - Governor District 7780 Gary Speers -Oxford Hills President Beth Abbott - President-Elect Robert Schott - Vice-President Dave Preble - Secretary Jack Richardson -Treasurer Pat Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Joelle Corey-Whitman. Directors - Foundation chair - Larry Jordan, Membership chair - Dan Allen, Publicity chair - Steve Galvin, and Community and Club Service chair - Rob Armstrong. Club website - www.oxfordhillsrotary.org - District website - www.rotary7780.org.

### **CALENDAR**

Today's Program chair is Val Weston. Our Greeter is David Carter.

Please let Paul Thornfeldt know who you have for a speaker so it can be published in upcoming issues. <u>Program Chairs and Greeters</u>

Next Week -

1/30/12 - Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2/1/12 - Students - Mary Lou Burns 2/8/12 - Assembly - Rob Armstrong 2/15/12 - Dan Allen - Dan Allen 2/22/12 - Rob Armstong - Val Weston 2/29/12 - Stan Brett - Joel Speakman 3/7/12 - Students - Lynne Schott 3/2/12 - Read Across America Day 3/3/12 - Rotary Leadership Institute, Wells, ME. 3/8/12 - 3/10/12 - Presidents-elect Training Seminar Framingham, Massachusetts. 3/24/12 - District Assembly 3/30/12 - RI President Banerjee visits S. Port-Cape Eliz. Club for their 50th Anniversary. 3/31/12 - RLI, Lebanon, N.H. 4/20-5/20/12 - Inbound GSE Team from Germany.

5/5/12 - 5/9/12 - Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand.
5/18/12 - 5/20/12 - District 7780 Conference Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.

## Last Week ....

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. Dan led us in song and "Pastor" Glen led us in prayer. Al Barth from the Bethel club was introduced as a guest.

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- COATS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COAT CLOSET IN OXFORD. ANY GOOD USED CHILDREN TO ADULT COATS SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN TO BE CLEANED AND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDY. WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED 40 COATS AT THIS TIME.
- President Beth announced that Rotary has met it's goal of raising \$200,000,000 for Polio eradication and that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation kicked in another \$50,000,000 to the pot. WOW!

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- <u>Membership Minute from Dan Allen</u> think of three of your friends and think about asking them to join Rotary. If every club member did this we could double our membership.
- Susan Cairns has been proposed as a member to our club. Her classification will be <u>Cosmetologist</u>. Anyone having any objections please contact Pan Allen or President Beth Abbott with any concerns.

Anyone having any ideas for the annual club dinner please email or call President Beth as soon as possible at 461-2334 or ba abbott@hotmail.com.

Rebecca drew Al Barth 50/50 ticket and then proceeded to draw two blue balls. The pot is up to \$25.00

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Our guest speaker was Ellie Newell RN from the Maine Veterans Home. The Maine Veterans Home in South Paris has been open for 17 years and Ellie has worked there from day one. This was the 4th Vet's Home which opened in Maine. Bangor and then Machias then followed. There are a statewide total of 640 beds in all of the homes. Veterans stay as little as a couple of weeks up to 10-12 years. They have an alzhiemer and assisted living unit in this home and they run between 97% to 98.5% occupancy. They employ 160 people. Eligibility is that the person must be a honorably discharged veteran or the spouse of a veteran. Volunteer services provide over 5000 hours of service and spend about \$20,000 a year in providing activities for the veterans.

Our club is still collecting crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment for the district to be shipped to the needy in other countries.

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT
 TO TAKEOVER THE ROTARY READER
 WHEN I AM AWAY. PLEASE CONTACT
 PAUL AT 744-9383 IF YOU CAN HELP.

- LAST WEEK LOIS STRAUSS EMAILED FROM FLORIDA WITH ERRORS IN THE READER. ALSO RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM PATTY RICE AND PRESIDENT BETH.

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## January Bírthday's

January 3 - Stan Brett January 9 - Heather Speakman January 12 - Susan Graves January 22 - Daniel Allen

#### **Happy Dollars**

**Dave Preble** was happy that the Patriots won and will win again.

**Joel** was happy to announce that his business is sponsoring a seminar on Alzhiemers on Wednesday the 25th, TODAY!

**Bob Schott** was to provide one of his ski instructors with a birthday party.

**Paul** was happy to know the Veteran's Home is available when he will need it. Then Ellie told him that Dawne has already signed him up.

**Dan** was happy to tell us that he has received a \$70,000 contract that will keep him busy for 3-4 months.

## World Understanding and Peace Dinner, February 17th

The World Understanding & Peace Dinner will be held Friday, February 17 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Governor Gary is emphasizing the strength of the clubs and the work that it takes from all of us for peace to blossom. Each club will have a chance to nominate a "peacemaker" from amid its ranks to be celebrated at the dinner.

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## <u>The Four Way Test</u>

Is it the TRUTH? Is it Fair to all concerned. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

## Making up at Neighboring Clubs

Interact Club meets in Room B-112 at 2:30 PM on Thursdays.

Bethel - Tuesdays 7:30 AM - The Bethel Inn

#### **Bridgton-Lake Region**

Thursdays 7:15 AM Bridgton Alliance Church Harrison Road, Bridgton

#### **Fryeburg** Area

Tuesdays 7:30 AM St. Eliz-Ann Seton Cath. Ch., Rt. 5

#### Rumford

Tuesdays 7:30 am Hope Assoc. 85 Lincoln St. Rumford You can always find a club to makeup at on the District 7780 website.

http://www.rotary7780.org

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