

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2015-2016:

"Be a gift to the world"

Our mission: "The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is a diverse group of service oriented men and women providing hands on and financial support within our community and beyond. We exemplify "Service Above Self" while encouraging high ethical standards, enjoying friendship and promoting world understanding, peace and good will."

2015-2016 Officers:

Rotary International President: K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran – District 7780 Governor: Sheila Rollins – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Summers – Pres. Elect: Joel Speakman – Vice-pres.: Chris Weston – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Christina Twitchell – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Welcome! Today is the 125th day of 2016. There are 241 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. One of our friends from the Anderson-Staples Post is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-743-6129 or at griffs2@roadrunner.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

5/11 –Dennis Smith and Dan Allen

5/12 – Career Day at OHMS, South Paris

5/14 – May Day Play Day, OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

5/18 – Membership Assembly and Beth Abbott

5/25 – Rotarian of the Year Dinner at Daddy-O's in Oxford, 5:30 PM. No morning meeting.

6/1 – Top Students and Val Weston

6/8 – Joel Speakman and Miranda Ward

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had one visiting Rotarian, Merrill Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region club. There were no other guests.

Proposed Member: Dan Hart has requested a transfer of his membership from the Bethel Club to Oxford Hills. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

Rotary Moment – Greeter Mary Lou talked about the many projects, programs, scholarships and charities supported by Rotary and that she was proud to be a member of such an organization.

Announcements:

President Chris: The Rotary grant writing course is now available on line if anyone is interested. It takes about an hour to complete.

Don't forget that there is a board meeting on Monday, May 3 at 5:30 at TD Bank in Oxford.

We received a thank-you card from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club for the \$500 gift given to them in connection with their project that ended earlier this week in the Dominican Republic.

The Anderson-Staples Post's installation of officers for 2016 will be held on Monday, May 9th at the legion hall in Oxford.

The Bridgton-Lake Region Club now meets at the Community Center at 15 Depot St. in Bridgton at 7:15 AM on Thursday. The Community Center is behind Reny's.

Paul – will put together an auction meeting schedule to hand out at next week's meeting.

Beth – Lois has been working on a club project, a global grant application in connection with Dauphine and a local Rotary Club in Kenya where the project would occur. She will have details for us when she returns from Florida. (Ed. I have talked with Lois; her first meeting when she comes back will be May 25th. She comes up in the program chair rotation on June 15th and that is when she plans to present the project to us).

Tally – May Day Play Day – we will need to find replacements for the horse rides and balloon man. Neither activity is available or affordable so options are needed and are being worked on by the MDPD committee.

Merrill Rollins – “First Dude” husband of DG Sheila Rollins announced that plans for the District Conference are well under way. Details for the Conference can be found on the District 7780 website. Merrill is putting out a challenge to the club that registers the most first time attendees to any district conference – a free evening of entertainment by his band, “Hobson's Choice.”

Last Week – President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan led in singing “God Bless Our Rotary” and Glenn offered the blessing.

Our guest speaker was Jeff Shock who talked about his company and his background. Jeff has been a general contractor in the area for about 20 years as well as purchasing Oxford Plains Dragway. He has started a new venture, Speedway Homes, which builds tiny houses as well as other residential structures. At the Oxford Hills Home Show this past weekend, they had over 1,000 visitors, sold 2 homes and got 8 other decent leads. His company website is Speedwayhomes.com.

Happy Dollars 😊 - Patty was happy that she and George are the new parents of a baby male calf, name yet to be determined. Suggestions are welcome. Dan was happy to report that he talked with Bob Schott who is recuperating well. Although physical therapy is painful, he knows that if there is no pain, there is no gain. Dennis was happy to report that his grandson will be entering the police academy in Wisconsin soon.

50/50 – Curtis’s number came up but he drew the Ace of Hearts. Sorry Curtis. The pot rolls over.

May Birthdays: Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – May 1; Patty Rice – May 9; Chris Weston – May 25

May Anniversaries: Susan and Greg Graves – May 4; Chris and David Twitchell – May 13; Dan and Nancy Allen – May 21.

May Membership Anniversaries: Lynne Schott – 12 years – May 5; Miranda Ward – 1 year – May 13; Joel Speakman – 5 years – May 17

Thought for the Week

“If at first you don’t succeed, failure may be your thing.”

~Warren Miller~

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton.

www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

www.fryeburgrotary.org

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School



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