

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015:

"Light Up Rotary"

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."

2014-2015 Officers:

Rotary International President: Gary Huang – Governor, District 7780: Lawrence Furbish – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Christina Twitchell – Pres. Elect: Chris Summers – Vice-pres.: Joel Speakman – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Dave Preble – Community Service Chair: Dan Allen – International Service Chair: Larry Jordan – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Youth Services Chair: Curtis Smith – Vocational Service Chair: Chris Weston

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Thought for the week: "Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life."
~ Mark Twain~

Welcome! Today is the 126th day of 2015. There are 239 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. John Griffith is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or at speakmanbiz@gmail.com. Also please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

5/9 – Spring Foundation Grant Seminar at Westbrook Middle School, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

5/13 – Phil Libby and Susan Graves. Phil's guests will be the students participating in the OHMS race car program.

5/13 – Spring Foundation Grant Seminar at Topsham Red Cross office, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

5/16 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS

5/20 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato

5/27 – Dave Preble and Pat Cook

6/3 – Top Students and Curtis Cole

6/10 – George Rice and Mary Lou Burns

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Claudia Frost visited from the Brunswick Club. Miranda Ward was the guest of Larry Jordan.

Announcements:

President Chris T. – attended the District Conference at Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Newcastle, NH along with Patty and George Rice, Beth Abbott, Chris Summers and Dan Allen. The weather was sunny but

chilly. The warmth of the Conference and the graciousness of the hotel staff made up for the wind. It was awe inspiring and humbling to listen to the speakers and realize what a powerful and effective group of Rotarians we are. In addition, our club was presented with the District Governor's Award.

Don't forget that there will be a board meeting on Monday, May 4th at 5:30 PM at TD Bank in Oxford.

A thank you card from the Interact Club and exchange students for the ski weekend last month was circulated.

President Chris presented an Interact Presidential Citation to Lynne Schott on behalf of the Oxford Hills Interact Club which was given to Chris at the District Conference.

Tally – May Day Play Day plans are all set. Sign-up sheets have been circulated but there is still time to sign up if you would like to help.

Claudia Frost – Claudia is a past president of the Brunswick Rotary Club and helped write a Rotary Global Grant to help fund today's speaker's non-profit organization. She also mentioned her connection to the area growing up in Mechanic Falls and as she was traveling up here this morning from Brunswick, it felt like she was coming home.

Last Week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless our Rotary" and Glenn Huntley offered the invocation.

Lonnie Hackett was our guest speaker. Lonnie is a 23 year old Bowdoin College graduate from Bangor who since he was 19 has traveled to Zambia and now heads the non-profit organization Healthy Kids/Bright Future. HK/BK was founded by Lonnie in 2011 after spending summers in Zambia working under the Brunswick Club's Global Grant then again in 2013 with a summer in Nepal in 2012 as well. While working in these countries, he conceived a plan to help vulnerable children receive critical health care needed to eliminate chronic conditions in Zambia. HK/NK is currently working with 11,000 children in 56 schools with 96 front line teacher/health care workers trained to provide these services. HK/BK is building a model today that tomorrow can serve not only all of Zambia but also much of the developing world. The basis of that model is a partnership that includes families, teachers, medical professionals, Clinics and government ministries. Lonnie gave up much of his college athletic career to devote his energy to this cause. He now spends many months each year in Lusaka, Zambia heading this vital organization.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - There was only time for a couple of people to be happy (or sad): **Paul** was happy to present President Chris with the Annual Special Olympics Dance attendance award he received from Kiwanian Mary Ann Brown. The final score was 9 Rotarians vs. 8 Kiwanians. **Lynne** had a happy \$20 for her sister who is doing much better, for spending time with her granddaughter and for her nephew Matthew who now has a romantic interest that attends OHCHS and he will be attending the prom this year with this friend.

50/50 – Beth drew the 8 of hearts and was unable to take away \$87.00.

Birthdays in May: Sharon Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Chris Weston – 5/25

Anniversaries in May: Susan and Greg Graves – 5/4; Chrstina and David Twitchell – 5/13; Dan and Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank and Connie Shorey – 5/23

Membership Anniversaries in May: Lynne Schott – 11 years – 5/5; Joel Speakman – 4 years – 5/17

Make-ups:

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

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

www.lakeregionrotary.org

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

www.fryeburgrotary.org

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, OHCHS

The Rotarian Code of Conduct – As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

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