

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

**Wednesday, July 29, 2015**

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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."

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### **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: Community Service Chair: Dan Allen; Phil Libby – International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

**Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott**

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**Welcome!** Today is the 210th day of 2015. There are 155 days remaining in the year. This week, we are having an evening social. Chris Twitchell is our greeter.

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**Calendar:** *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Program Chair Chris Weston know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-515-0060 or at [cweston@swiftnet.org](mailto:cweston@swiftnet.org). Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

**8/3 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 – 6:30**

**8/5 – Jack Sours and Paul Thornfeldt**

**8/6 – Chamber of Commerce After Hour with Oxford Legion and United Way in Oxford from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Oxford American Legion Hall in Oxford.**

**8/9 – Memorial Celebration for Jack Richardson, 344 Paris Hill Rd., 3:00PM-4:30PM**

**8/12 – Lobster/Steak Fest planning meeting and Joel Speakman**

**8/15 – Lobster & Steak Fest, OHCHS**

**8/19 – Joel Speakman and Jack Sours**

**8/20 – Our turn at the Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM, Progress Center, Cottage St.**

**8/26 – Paul Thornfeldt and Lynne Schott**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Guests were Linda Jack from the Oxford Legion, Deb Harris who was the guest of Chris Summers and Tyler Marsh and Jessica Putnam who were the guests of Joel Speakman.

### **New Membership Proposals:**

**Davin Currie** from South Paris has been proposed as a member by Patty Rice. Davin is the son of one of our charter members, Scott Currie. His classification is insurance sales. **The Anderson-Staples Post 112, American Legion**, has been proposed as a corporate member by Christina Twitchell. If anyone has any questions or concerns about these proposals, please speak to a board member.

## **Announcements –**

**President Chris** – there will be a District Foundation Spending Assembly on September 19 at USM in Portland from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If interested in attending, please speak to Chris.

RLI is also coming up on October 24<sup>th</sup> at USM in Lewiston. This is a great opportunity for new members to learn more about Rotary but of course, any Rotarian is more than welcome to attend. You can register on-line.

There will be another Kittery-Portsmouth World Polio Day Bridgewalk this year on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who went last year found it very rewarding and had a great time.

There are two district job opportunities, Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange chair. If you are interested inserving, please speak to Chris.

**Patty Rice** – Frank Shorey went home a week ago Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. He had a rough day Monday but was up and around on Tuesday. We're glad to hear you are home and doing well, Frank.

**George Rice** – the Lobster & Steak Fest is coming in just a few weeks, so sell those tickets! There will be a Lobster committee meeting at Rice's on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Linda Jack announced that 4 people from the Legion have volunteered to help out at the event.

**Linda Jack** – The Oxford Legion is helping with the concerts in the park in Oxford. On July 28, the Army National Guard Band will be playing. Also, on July 30<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 – 10:30 AM the Navy seals will be passing by the Legion Hall during their Iron Man competition. They will be stopping for a water break. The Legion is looking for a good crowd to welcome them.

## **Reminders:**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Chamber of Commerce After Hours. We will be sharing hosting duties with United Way of Oxford County and the Oxford American Legion. We will be collecting donations of school supplies so don't forget to bring something.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Celebration for Jack Richardson from 3:00 – 4:30 at the Richardson residence at 344 Paris Hill Rd.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cruise on Long Lake on the Songo River Queen with the Norway-Paris Kiwanians. The cost is \$10 per person. Those of us who went last year had a great time.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – We need 2 volunteers to help out at the Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM at the Progress Center on Cottage St., Norway. Thanks to Lois and Patty for helping out in July.

## **Last Week:**

**President Chris** inducted our newest member, Deb Harris. Deb has been a part of our family for some time, helping out at many events. She is interested in Rotary's work with prosthetics, particularly the plastic hand that we have helped support.

**Bob Schott** - For his program, Bob talked about his rafting trip down the Colorado River last year. He brought one of his rafts, showed us where people sat and said that each raft carried 3 people and 21 days of food and supplies. With the assistance of Patty Rice, he demonstrated a rescue on the river. Very interesting, Bob!

☺ **Happy Dollars** ☺ - **Dave** had a happy dollar for his and Becky's anniversary. **Lynne** was happy that Ben and Katherine had a wonderful wedding. She was also happy that all three boys are now married. **Dan** was happy to be in "Jesus Christ Superstar", his first time back on stage in 10 years. He also said that DG Sheila Rollins has asked him to be co-chair of the District Membership committee. **President Chris** was happy that he and Deb were heading up to Baxter State Park for a little R&R.

**50/50** – Lois drew Val's number but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$239 in the pot.

**Birthdays in August:** Lois Strauss – 8/8; Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris S. – 8/17; Irina Kahn – 8/23

**Anniversaries in August:** None this month

**Membership Anniversaries in August:** None this month

### **Make-ups:**

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

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

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

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

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

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

### **How about a joke this week?**

Frank and Connie had been married for decades. Over the years, they had shared many experiences, but lately their activities had been limited to playing cards a couple of times a week. One day, while playing cards, Connie looked at Frank and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been married for a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Frank glared at Connie for at least three minutes. Finally he asked, "How soon do you need to know?"



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