

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of 2016. There are 353 days remaining in the year. Susan Graves is program chair. Her guest speakers are Dave Preble and Jeff Lange who will be updating us on the Western Maine Drug Addiction Task Force. Miranda Ward is our greeter.

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**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](mailto: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.

**1/20 – John Griffith and Christina Twitchell. John's guest speakers will be Emma Bodwell and Cathy Sullivan from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary.**

**1/27 – Glenn Huntley and Joel Speakman**

**2/1 – Mid-year Dinner at Fireside Inn and Suites, Portland, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**2/3 – February Students of the Month and Bob Schott**

**2/10 – Ron Morse and Lynne Schott**

**2/17 – Dave Preble and Patty Rice**

**2/24 – Kim Preble and George Rice**

**Bob Schott** stopped by just as I was putting the Reader together and asked me to include this for him:

"It was a wonderful journey – Dorothy Schott – August 6, 1920 to January 9, 2016 – Driving home Saturday night in the pouring rain, I could barely see, not because of the rain, but because of the tears in my eyes."

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we are all very sorry to hear about Bob's mother and that our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and his family at this time.

**Frank Shorey** wanted to say hello and share what he and Connie have been up to since they returned to Florida. "Connie and I both enjoying the Florida sunshine.....Connie doing her favorite thing....shopping at Talbot's (have had to put an addition on the house to make room for more blouses, tops, jeans, etc.)....as for me, standing in the food stamp line on Tuesday morning and the general assistance line on Saturday afternoons....that leaves the rest of my days to play golf....believe it or not, I am getting better....thinking about going on tour...Oh! Rotary on Thursday mornings...."

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Dennis Smith and Hillary Hendricks were our guests as were the January Students of the Month and their parents. There were no visiting Rotarians.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Chris Weston talked about eradicating polio – that Nigeria was removed from the list of countries where polio has been endemic as of September 25, 2015. As of that date, Nigeria had not had a reported case of polio in 14 months. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries remaining where cases are still being reported. However, the Type II virus has been eradicated world wide.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – passed out a breakfast questionnaire from the church ladies looking for opinions and suggestions. If everyone would take a couple of minutes to complete it, it would be appreciated.

PE Joel does not have a complete slate of officers in place for next year, so we will put off voting until all positions are filled.

**Ron** – don't forget to hand in your nomination forms for Rotarian of the Year.

**Bob** – as vocational chair, Bob will be looking for volunteers to do classification talks. While most of us have given classification talks in the past, we have several new members who have not heard what we all do (or did). So, if it has been a few years since you gave one, consider giving a new one.

### **Last Week:**

Our guests were the January Students of the Month and their guests. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader. After their presentations, Chris, Dan, Ron, Miranda and Stan talked about their relationship with Rotary.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Lynne** was happy to be with us again and for the students, She enjoyed Christmas with her granddaughter and was thankful for her new calendar of birthdays. **Bob** had a sad dollar for his mother who has had to enter hospice care. **John** was happy to announce that he and Shelley will be having another grandchild in 2016. Besides Ian and Aimee, Dan and Brandi will be giving William a brother or sister in late August. **Chris S.** was sorry to have missed the chorale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> but he and Deb went to Quebec City over the holidays and had an awesome time.

**50/50** – Susan drew Ed's number but Ed did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$221 in the pot.

**January Birthdays:** Stan Brett – 1/3; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Susan Graves – 1/12; Dan Allen – 1/22

**January Anniversaries:** None

**January Membership Anniversaries:** Dave Preble – 1/1 – 33 years; Stan Brett – 1/4 – 22 yrs.; Paul Thornfeldt – 1/8 – 24 yrs.; Lois Stauss – 1/15 – 13 yrs.; Susan graves – 1/29 – 13 yrs.

### **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 A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

### **Thought of the Week:**

“Relationships are like sausage. It’s really better not knowing how they are made.”

~Jeremy Duncan~



### **Proposed Officers for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year**

**PE Joel Speakman is proposing the following officers for his year as President:**

**President:** Joel Speakman

**President-elect:** Christopher Weston

**Vice-president:** George Rice

**Past President:** Christopher Summers

**Secretary:** John Griffith

**Treasurer:** Pat Cook

**Sgt.at Arms:** Stan Brett

**Vocational Service Chair:** Bob Schott

**Club Service Chair:**

**Community Service Chair:**

**International Service Chair:**

**Youth Service Chair:**

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## **January Students of the Month**

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Cassidi Chase, nominated by her math teacher**

Cassidi shows respect, compassion, integrity, responsibility and has a great work ethic.

“Cassidi is always working her tail off in Algebra I. She wants to be the best that she can be. Work is turned in on time, completed and corrected. She seeks out help when needed but is also an independent worker. Cassidi has helped out her fellow classmates on understanding material.”

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Sydney Rowell, nominated by her Sophomore class advisor**

Sydney shows respect, generosity, compassion and integrity.

“Sydney has been a huge part of fundraising for the Class of 2018. She has put in a huge amount of hours raising funds for her class while holding an impressive course load and great class average. As advisors, we could not do all of this work without the extra hours she puts in. In addition to fundraising, she always puts in a little extra, making sure the correct people get thanked for doing their part. She is a critical part of our class.”

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Emily Blackshaw**

Emily shows respect, honesty, moral courage, generosity, compassion, integrity and responsibility.

“Throughout her high school career, Emily has been a wonderful, hard-working student. Whether it is demonstrated amongst her teammates or shown in the classroom, her character is one that I admire. At the moment, Emily is going through a very tough time. She has watched her boyfriend, Luke Allen, suffer immensely over the past year. She watches him get sick almost every day, yet never leaves his side. She continues to give her heart to him while being a strong, reliable person in his life. She does all of this while keeping her grades up, coming to school every day and being a great role model for her teammates. Every once in a while, a GREAT person comes along. Emily is that person and she deserves this recognition.”

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade – Mckayla Ivey, nominated by her Graphic Arts teacher.**

Mckayla shows respect, honesty, generosity, compassion, integrity, responsibility.

“Mckayla is always willing to help other students or assist me with special projects. She comes in on her non-period classes to help out and accepts life work to complete. There are many examples of her responsibility as far as meeting deadlines, and her projects and customer jobs are completed to the highest of printing standards. This is Mckayla’s first year in Graphic Arts and she has been a great student. She leaves during the third period to do an internship but still manages to get her work done in a timely fashion. If for some reason her internship is cancelled, she will come back to class where other students would call it an early day. She has been a great asset to our program.”