



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

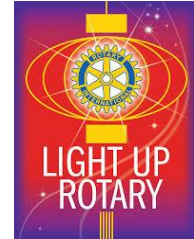
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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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***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 fellowship and promoting world understanding, peace and goodwill."

***Welcome!*** Today is the 14th day of 2015. There are 351 days remaining in the year. Joe Balchunas is program chair this morning and Chris Weston is greeter. Apologies to Chris because I came in last Wednesday morning and thought he was greeter even though on Monday I e-mailed Val to remind her she was greeter.

***Calendar: The first name listed is 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 [speakmanbiz@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**1/21 – Mary Lou Burns and Chris Summers.** Mary Lou's guest speaker is Bethel Rotarian and Rowe School principal, Dan Hart.

**1/22 – Interact Hot Cocoa Social** at OHCHS, Room B234 at 2:15 PM.

**1/26 – Mid-year Leadership Dinner, Fireside Inn, Westbrook.**

**1/28 – Curtis Cole and Joel Speakman**

**2/4 – February Students of the Month and Jack Sours**

**2/11 – Pat Cook and Curtis Smith**

**2/18 – Tally Decato and Bob Schott**

**2/23 – World Understanding and Peace Dinner, Sable Oaks, South Portland, 5:30 – 9:30.**

**2/25 – Susan Graves and Lynne Schott**

***Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*** Our visiting Rotarian was Kim Preble from Auburn. There were no other guests except for the Students of the Month and their guests.

***The Interact Club*** is having a Hot Cocoa Social on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:15 PM at OHCHS. It will be in room B234 unless that room is scheduled for something else. We are inviting Middle School students as well as Rotarians. We need to reconnect to past members of the club and make new connections to the Middle School.

## **Announcements & Last Week:**

**President Chris** – Because we had both the December and January Students of the Month with us, we did not have any announcements or club business this morning. After presenting the awards to the students, Dan Allen talked about Rotary with input from Chris S., Curtis C., Ron, Patty, Larry, Kim, Dave, Lynne and Bob

### **The December Students of the Month:**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade – Haid Tanous** who was nominated by Diana Waters – Haid is respectful, honest, generous, compassionate, responsible and has moral courage and integrity. “We had a rough class where students were being rude and disrespectful. Haid sent me an e-mail apologizing for his fellow students and reminding me that there are still students that want to learn.”

**10<sup>th</sup> grade – Brooke Libby** who was nominated by Julie Carr – Brooke is honest, responsible and shows moral courage. “Brooke failed all of her classes last year due to huge emotional obstacles that she and her family faced and struggled to overcome. By the end of January, things changed for the better and she felt she was finally able to concentrate and get to work. We adjusted her schedule and she went to work. She worked harder than any student I’ve ever worked with. She ended her freshman year earning all of her credits but science. Brooke started the year off having to take a recap class along with all of her regular classes. In all my years of teaching, I have never witnessed a student so determined to break the cycle of not graduating. Brooke’s fierce determination to make a better life for herself is evident in her pursuit of an OHCHS diploma.”

**11<sup>th</sup> grade – Isaac Liimatta** who was nominated by Jennifer Sherbinski. Isaac is respectful, honest, compassionate and responsible. “Isaac is always respectful and kind to others. I think he is a student that sometimes gets overlooked because he tends to be quiet. Isaac is kind and respectful every day in class. He is never rude or mean to other classmates and he is diligent about getting his work done.

**12<sup>th</sup> grade – Natasha Blake** who was nominated by Jason Long. Natasha is compassionate, respectful and responsible. “I invited Natasha into an elective and she accepted the challenge. She does not need the credit but was eager to do something academic with her spare time in her schedule as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader. In the class, she is a leader and works with other students when they struggle. Natasha is a natural-born educator. When other students in our small civics elective struggle, she is more than patient, she is compassionate and helpful. She also exhibits enthusiasm for learning and a strong work ethic. She is a mature and valuable citizen in the classroom community.”

### **The January Students of the Month:**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade – Maighread Laliberte** was nominated by her math teacher. Maighread is respectful and responsible. “Maighread is a very soft spoken young lady. However, she is an incredibly responsible student. She asks for help when needed and always hands in work on time. Recently, in geometry honors, a cumulative review was assigned. Not once, but twice, Maighread met with me to go over questions from the review.”

**10<sup>th</sup> grade – Anthony Whitman** was nominated by two of his teachers. Anthony is responsible, honest, generous, compassionate and has moral courage. “Anthony always gives 100% and he is very helpful.” “Anthony works hard and overcomes a lot of disadvantages to succeed in school. Anthony has been successful on a tech-heavy team without access to a laptop. He has had to improvise and work twice as hard as his classmates.”

**11<sup>th</sup> grade – Hailee Cote** was nominated by one of her teachers. Hailee is generous, compassionate and responsible. “Hailee is very helpful in working with freshman students at many different learning levels. She is not afraid to go over to a student and sit and help them with their classroom work. She has a warm and compassionate attitude towards other students and makes them comfortable in seeking her help. Hailee worked with a new student from Mexico who knew no English. She helped translate for him during classes using her own knowledge of Spanish along with her computer which translated assignments for him.”

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**12<sup>th</sup> grade – Monica Harthorne** was nominated by one of her teachers. Monica is respectful, generous, compassionate, responsible and has integrity. “Monica is always willing to help others and step outside of her comfort zone if she is needed. Monica stepped up to the role of stage manager for the Christmas for Teens benefit show. She did a wonderful job and I am very proud of her.”

### **Congratulations to all of the students and their families!**

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Dave** was happy to have the students and their parents this morning. He and Becky took their grandchildren to Disney last week and did 5 parks in 5 days. He was glad to be back home where there are no lines. **Lynne** was happy today was a green day so she could be here and see old acquaintances. **Bob** said that he and Curtis C. teach skiing at Shawnee. For this, they received new red coats to wear and one young lady mistook Bob for Santa Claus.

**50/50 – Curtis drew Chris Weston’s number but Chris didn’t draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.**

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

**Anniversaries in January:** Everyone is off the hook this month as none are listed.

**Membership Anniversaries in January:** There are a lot of members whose anniversaries are listed as January 1 but we know in some cases the info is incorrect. There are 9 members listed as joining on January 1: Pat Cook – 14 years; Susan Graves – 11 years; John Griffith – 8 years; Irina Kahn – 6 years; Robert Cahn – 6 years; Phil Libby – 7 years; Dave Preble – 31 years; Frank Shorey – 30 years; Lois Strauss – 11 years; Stan Brett – 20 years on 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 22 years on 1/8.

### **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)

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

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

Interact – Thursdays at 2:30, Room B238, OHCHS.

### **Remember the 4-Way Test:**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned**

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