

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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: 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

Welcome! Today is the 20th day of 2016. There are 346 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair. His guest speakers are Emma Bodwell and Cathy Sullivan from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary. Chris Twitchell is 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.

1/27 – Glenn Huntley and Joel Speakman. Glenn's guest speaker is Ron Fournier, Director of the Bryant Pond 4H Camp and Learning Center who will be talking about "Becoming an Outdoors Woman."

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

2/1 – February Board Meeting, TD Bank, 5:30 PM

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

2/10 – Ron Morse and Lynne Schott

2/20 – World Peace and Understanding Dinner, Marriot Sable Oaks, South Portland, 5:30 PM

2/17 – Dave Preble and Patty Rice

2/24 - Kim Preble and George Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Dennis Smith was the guest of Tally Decato. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Miranda Ward talked about her first experiences with Rotary which was through DG Beth Abbott whom she has known since she was in 7th grade and at Camp Susan Curtis.

Proposed Member: Dennis Smith has been proposed as a member by Tally Decato and Dan Allen. Dennis's classification will be Business Management Services. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this nomination, please speak to a board member. (1)

Announcements:

Kim – had a question about cancelling our meetings due to the weather. Her old club did not meet if school was cancelled and she wondered if we went by the same rule. This led to a discussion about cancelling meetings which, of course, also depends on the church ladies. After discussing various options, President Chris decided that for the rest of his term, if school was cancelled on a Wednesday due to the weather, we would also cancel.

Miranda – the Membership Committee would like us to collect names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of people we think might make good members or of community members, friends, past members and the like. She will put together a spread sheet so that we can send “save the date” notices and information on the Auction, Lobster Fest, May Day Play Day and so on. Please e-mail Miranda with any information.

Rotarian of the Year – next week, January 27th, will be the last day to hand in RTOY nomination forms. The committee will be meeting shortly after to consider the nominations.

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: Chris Summers

Secretary: John Griffith

Treasurer: Pat Cook

Sgt.at Arms: Stan Brett

Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott

Club Service Chair: Ron Morse

Community Service Chair: Dan Allen

International Service Chair: Beth Abbott

Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Last Week:

Dave Preble was Susan's guest speaker. Dave gave us an informative update on the Western Maine Addiction Task Force. Their Mission Statement is:

“The Western Maine Addiction Task Force is a community based coalition dedicated to reducing the demand of heroin in Western Maine through the use of education, recovery, prevention, intervention and treatment along with legislative acts, legal resources and proactive law enforcement.”

The Task Force started last August with a town hall meeting format. Approximately 60-80 residents attended. The Task Force meets monthly and has recently hired a part time coordinator. The main problem facing the Task Force and the community is what to do with people who need and seek help. From his position at the Hannaford Pharmacy, Dave sees many people buying clean syringes, 10-12 just the day before this meeting and that is a pretty common experience. We need to form some avenues for treatment locally as there is no room in Portland or other nearby cities. Some suggestions are – Project Save Me which is looking for volunteers to serve as recovery assistants, which requires 30 hours of training; possibly establish a Narcotics Anonymous which requires a space to meet; working with local physicians on treatment options to give them a wider view of what's available.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **There were none this week.**

50/50 – Val drew President Chris’ number but Chris drew the Queen of Spades. There was \$230 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

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

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 High School

Fun Fact: No wonder my feet hurt!

The average person walks around the world the equivalent of two times in his or her lifetime.

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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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