



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

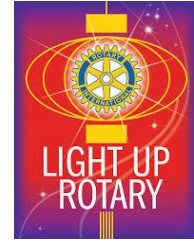
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

2014-2015 Officers

Rotary International President: Gary Huang – Governor, District 7780: Lawrence Furbish – Oxford Hills Rotary Club Pres.: Christina Twitchell – Pres. Elect: Chris Summers – Vice Pres.: Joel Speakman – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: Jack Richardson – 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

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."

Thought for the Week:

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

~Maya Angelou~

Welcome! Today is the 21st day of 2015. There are 344 days remaining in the year. Mary Lou Burns is our program chair. Her guest speaker is Bethel Rotarian and Rowe School principal, Dan Hart. Chris Summers is our 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. 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.

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

1/28 – Curtis Cole and Joel Speakman. Curtis's guest speaker is Sandy Swett who will be talking about the Market Square Area Strategic Plan recently adopted by the Town of Paris.

1/29 – Interact Hot Cocoa Social at OHCHS, Room B234 at 2:15 PM.

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: Kim Preble from Auburn was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

The Interact Club is having a Hot Cocoa Social on Thursday, January 29th 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 –

The Mid-Year Leadership Dinner is coming up on January 23rd at the Fireside Inn, Westbrook. Chris Twitchell, Chris Summers, Joel Speakman and Beth Abbott are attending.

The World Understanding and Peace Dinner is coming on February 23rd. George Rice is chair and we are hopeful to have a good OH attendance to support him. Chris will have a sign-up sheet to hand out in a couple of weeks.

At the most recent board meeting, we came up with a policy for snow days. If the meeting is cancelled, Chris Summers will send out a text message to all members. John Griffith will call members that do not text. He will also post a message on Facebook and send out an e-mail through Club Runner. Chris passed a sheet around asking members for their cell phone numbers to receive texts and phone numbers to receive phone calls.

The Bridgton-Lakes Region Club has had to drop their project for the Sudan as RI did not support it due to the on-going conflicts in that area. Instead, the club is doing a mission project (which I did not catch where). They are looking for donations of pencils, crayons, combs, brushes, toys, etc. If you wish to donate, please bring your items to President Chris and she will make sure they get to the Bridgton Club.

There is a survey coming about Rotary from the District Governor. Please take the time to complete it and send it back to DG Lawrence Furbish.

Larry – announced that donations to the Foundation are up over last year which was also a record year for us. Please remember that donations to the Foundation support many of the activities Rotary does throughout the year.

Program Chair Joe Balchunas, who is a loan officer at Community Concepts, talked about some of the lending programs offered by them. Joe has been with Community Concepts for 6 years. The two major programs that CC offers are the Home Building program which is geared to low income households and the Heating Assistance program. Through the Home Building program, the crew at CC builds 50-100 homes per year. And, of course, the Heating Assistance program is very popular and always seems to run out of funds before the winter is over. Joe works primarily through the Business Assistance program which helps small businesses obtain loans that conventional banks won't do or they act as a second lender to give additional support to the loan through the SBA, FAME and USDA, among others.

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Chris Twitchell** had a couple of appreciation dollars for John Griffith for all of the help he has given to her this year. **Kim Preble** had a happy dollar for the Oxford Hills United Way Snow Shoe Dash publicity in Maine Today. She was also happy that she won the Fantasy Football she was playing against her father. **Bob** had a sad dollar for the recent tragedy in France. He remembered a girl from France who lived in Quebec who came to Moxie Gore. In talking with her, he learned that she did not consider herself French or Canadian, she was an Arab and a Muslim. She had no allegiance to France. **Curtis C.** had a happy dollar for talking with the parent of a senior last week who was interested in being an outbound student. Curtis said he will contact Ted Moccia.

50/50 – Val drew Glenn's ticket but Glenn drew the Queen of Diamonds. Sorry Glenn! There was \$126 in the pot.

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 ears; 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

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, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

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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