

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015:

"Light Up Rotary"

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."

2014-2015 Officers:

Rotary International President: Gary Huang – Governor, District 7780: Lawrence Furbish – Oxford Hills Rotary President: 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: Ron Morse

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Fun Fact: On average, a person laughs 15 times a day. How many times will you laugh today?

Welcome! Today is the 28th day of 2015. There are 337 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Sandy Swett who will be talking about the Market Square Area Strategic Plan recently adopted by the Town of Paris. Joel Speakman is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the 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 at 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.

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

1/29 – Mid-year Leadership Dinner, Fireside Inn, Westbrook

2/2 – February Board Meeting at 5:30 PM at TD Bank in Oxford

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

2/9 – **Special Rotarian of the Year meeting and Curtis Smith.** There will be no Wednesday morning meeting on the 11th. Instead, we will meet Monday evening at 5:30 PM at Maurice's Restaurant for the Rotarian of the Year presentation.

2/18 – Pat Cook and Bob Schott

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

2/25 – Tally Decato and Lynne Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests last week: Kim Preble from Auburn was our only 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:

President Chris – Although it will be over by the time you read this, the Mid-Year Leadership Dinner is coming up on Monday, January 26th at the Fireside Inn in Westbrook. President Chris Twitchell, Pres. Elect. Chris Summers, Vice-president Joel Speakman and AG Beth Abbott will be attending.

We will be having a **Special Rotarian of the Year Meeting** on Monday, February 9th from 5:30 to 6:30 at Maurice's Restaurant. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Cost will be the same as our normal breakfast. Spouses and guests are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be circulated for the next three weeks as we need to give Maurice's a head count by February 4th. We will not have our regular Wednesday morning meeting on the 11th.

We will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for senior citizens at the Progress Center on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th. This is a new event that we are going to try. Other clubs have done something similar and it has proved very popular. The Progress Center staff will do the cooking, we will help with serving and clean-up as well as providing the food. Ron Morse has been working with the Progress Center and he reports that they are very excited about this. More later as the details develop.

Stan – we have rented the two white wedding tents for Labor Day weekend which will give us \$1000 from that weekend alone. This was a referral from the Kiwanis Club as the person wanting the tents thought they rented them.

Last Week: Our guest speaker was Dan Hart, Bethel Rotarian and Principal of the Rowe Elementary School in Norway. Dan's grandfather was a Rotarian in the Rockport / Camden area and he always encouraged Dan to give service to his community which is why Dan is a Rotarian today. This is Dan's first year as principal of an elementary school. All of his prior experience was in secondary schools but he really enjoys working with younger kids. Rowe is the second largest school in the district after the high school with 485 students. There are 34 rooms as well as two additional buildings used as classrooms and by Club Rowe. Dan is always looking for volunteers to help in two 1st grade classrooms, the art classroom, library, physical education and gym program and help with custodial duties. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they must complete an application, have a "meet and greet" with Dan, go through a background and reference check. A commitment and dependability are essential. Contact Dan at the school if you are interested.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - John had a memorial dollar for his dad who would have been 99 on January 20th. Unfortunately, he passed away at 57 and never had the opportunity to enjoy his grandchildren as John has. He was also happy that there will be another new grandchild in the family by next Christmas. **Bob** – Uncle Bob's ski day went very well with his 10 nieces and nephews. They all skied until Bob's legs turned to rubber. **Patty** had a sad dollar for the Rice, Marshall and Millett families who all endured the flu last week. She had a happy dollar for her Mom's 80th birthday. **Irina** was happy for the Arts program at Rowe School and that her kids have a new dog. **Glenn** had a happy dollar for Dan Allen's birthday and we all sang Happy Birthday. **Kim** had a happy dollar for the Patriot's going to the Superbowl.

50/50 – Curtis drew Irina’s number but Irina didn’t draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over another week.

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 January 1: Pat Cook – 14 years; Susan Graves – 11 years; John Griffith – 8 years; Irina Kahn – 6 years; Bob Kahn – 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

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, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, OHCHS

Remember the 4-Way Test:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Good Will and Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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