



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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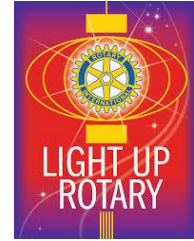
The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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



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

Welcome! Today is our first meeting of 2015. It is the 7th day of 2015 and there are 358 days remaining in the year. This morning our guests are the December and January Students of the Month. Our greeter is Val Weston.

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."

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.

1/14 – Joe Balchunas and Chris Weston
1/21 – Mary Lou Burns and Chris Summers
1/26 – Mid-year Leadership Dinner, Fireside Inn, Westbrook.
1/28 – Curtis Cole and Joel Speakman
2/4 – Students of the Month and Jack Sours
2/11 – Pat Cook and Curtis Smith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had two visiting Rotarians last week, Dan Hart from Bethel and Kim Preble from Auburn. There were no guests.

Announcements & Last Week:

President Chris – had a couple of reminders, the board meeting on January 5th and that we would be having the December and January Students of the Month at our meeting this week. Chris asked for volunteers to greet the students and their parents and present the awards.

Chris read thank you notes from the West Paris Food Pantry and the Spurr's Corner Food Pantry. Both were very appreciative of our donations.

The Bethel Club is having an evening social meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 PM at the Sudbury Inn in Bethel. This is in place of their regular morning meeting in case you were thinking of making up. Come up to the second floor. Everyone is welcome!

The committee going over our projects and events will start meeting again on January 15 at 4:30 at TD Bank in Oxford. First on the agenda is to finalize the design for our new placemats so they can be ordered. Chris also wants to have a spring social to include the local business community and she would like to have a new community service project before the end of her term.

Chris also handed out **perfect attendance awards** to **Frank Shorey for 30 years, Glenn Huntley for 28 years, Bob Schott for 18 years, Beth Abbott for 13 years and Lynne Schott for 10 years.** These awards were late being handed out and are for the period of July 2014 through November 2014. Congratulations everyone!

We voted on the slate of officers for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

President – Chris Summers

President-elect – Joel Speakman

Vice-president – Chris Weston

Past President – Christina Twitchell

Secretary – John Griffith

Treasurer – Pat Cook

Sergeant-at-Arms – Stan Brett

Community Service Director – Dan Allen

Club Service Director – Ron Morse

International Service Director – Larry Jordan

Vocational Service Director – Phil Libby

Youth Service Director – Curtis Smith

Curtis C. – Rotarian of the year forms are due today. If you have not nominated someone, please fill out the nomination form and get it to Curtis, Ron or Mary Lou. The committee will be meeting after today's meeting to choose the next ROTY.

Ron – as of last week, there were two cheese wheels left to sell. It was suggested that we donate them to the reception for Lloyd Decato on Saturday, January 3rd. We were all in agreement to do so. Lloyd was a long time past member of the club who passed away shortly before Christmas. Our deepest sympathy goes to Tally and his family.

Dan Hart – thanked the club for bringing the dictionaries to Rowe School and he brought us thank you letters from the students.

John read an e-mail he received from Paul Thornfeldt telling us that he and Dawne are settled in Riverview, Florida until the end of January. Paul attended the Riverview-Fishhawk RC and met a Rotarian there who attended Bridgton Academy. In their conversation, they discovered that this Rotarian had worked with Paul's brother, Gil, 35 years ago at American Optical in Massachusetts. They were good friends and traveled together on business but had lost contact. Paul called his brother and reconnected them. Paul commented "As I've said many times, Rotary works in strange ways."

On the next page is a picture of President Chris presenting **Frank Shorey** with his **30 Year Perfect Attendance Award.** **Everyone in the club remarked that Frank never looked so good!** Congratulations, Frank!



😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Dan** was pleased that Kim Preble has decided to transfer from the Auburn club to Oxford Hills. However, he had a concerned dollar about having two Prebles in the club. **Ron** was happy he and Laura spent the holidays in Connecticut with their family. They had a good trip except for running into a 3 hour traffic jam on the Mass pike. **Kim Preble** was happy to be with us and told us about three new United Way Fund Raisers entitled “Rock, Paper and Scissors” to be held in February, March and April. **Glenn** was happy to have Kim coming in as a new member and he was glad the missing cheese wheel was found. **Lynne** had a great Christmas with her family, especially her new granddaughter who was anxious to take everything in.

50/50 – Patty drew Beth’s ticket but Beth did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$102 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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