

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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."

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### 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: Phil Libby - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

### Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

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**Welcome!** Today is the 287th day of 2015. There are 78 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Glen Gordon, Director of Transportation for Community Concepts. Our greeter is Glenn Huntley.

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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](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com). Remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

**10/17 – RLI, Lewiston. Register on-line if you wish to attend.**

**10/18 – Road Toll for Special Olympics, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair St. by the tennis courts.**

**10/19 – Senior Dinner at Progress Center, 12:00 PM – 2:00PM**

**10/21 – Dan Allen and Susan Graves. Dan's guest speaker is Dolfine from Kenya who will be giving us updates on her orphanage and the Kavarondo Rotary.**

**10/24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bridge Walk for Polio, Portsmouth, 8:30 AM**

**10/28 – Anderson-Staple Post and John Griffith**

**10/30 – Costume Party for Child Trafficking, Longfellow Square, Portland, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.**

**11/4 – Students of the Month and Tally Decato**

**11/11 – Mary Lou Burns and Davin Currie**

**11/18 – Curtis Cole and Pat Cook**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Visiting Rotarians and guests were not mentioned in the notes, but I see that Dennis King had a sad dollar so we did have a visiting Rotarian.

### Announcements:

**President Chris** – We are circulating sign-up sheets today for:

1. The Non-profit Fair at OHCHS on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 AM – 1:30 AM
2. Road Toll by the tennis courts on Fair St., Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
3. Volunteers for the Senior Dinner at the Progress Center on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

As the heroin death toll keeps rising in Maine, Chris suggested that the club consider raising money to assist the local heroin task force. Before the final decision is made, Dan volunteered to speak with Bob Schott for his blessing on the idea. This would be an opportunity to not only raise money but to help raise awareness as well. A straw poll was taken with nearly unanimous support from club members.

**Patty** – A fourth sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers at the Progress Center Community Supper from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Patty suggested that the October Road Toll be dedicated to the local food pantries and that the November toll be for the heroin task force which would give us more time to gather publicity items from the task force itself.

**Miranda** – The Progress Center will be sponsoring a road race entitled the Wicked Weird & Totally Freaky Turkey Trot by the Lake on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Progress Center is looking for participants and club volunteers to help with the race logistics. Money raised for this event will be earmarked for the community kitchen at the Center.

**Beth** – recommended brighter safety vests for road toll participants. Kim said she might be able to obtain some from Dead River Co. where she knows people who would be willing and able to help out with this request.

**Dave** – suggested that the club be sure to visually recognize our event sponsors at each fundraising event.

**Stan** – There will be one more tent set-up on the 16<sup>th</sup> in Casco Village, the small wedding tent. He said he would not be available for that and would need a committee to handle the request.

**Frank Shorey** – in response to a comment a couple of weeks ago in the Reader, I received the following e-mail from Frank – “Please remind everyone that I looked to see where the Red Sox finished in league standings.....Oh my.....LAST!.....my sincere condolences to those Red Sox fans.”

### **Last Week** –

Our guest speakers did not appear so we did not have a program. This was much to the disappointment of Dave who had been whetting his whistle and looking forward to hearing about the new brew pub planned for Norway.

As a result, President Chris talked about the board meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion with adjunct Oxford Legion post member Linda Jack recently. When Rotary members participate as volunteers for their events such as Wednesday Bingo and the youth dances at the post, it was decided that a Rotary banner be displayed publicizing our involvement in Legion events.

The board has decided not to participate in the Business-to-Business Chamber event later this month due to cost and lack of support from the board.

Chris recommended that the Auction committee meet sometime this fall to establish 2016 corporate donors for the auction.

Remember that the club now has a projector and laptop for power point presentations as well as publicity displays.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Dennis** had a happy dollar for being able to make today’s meeting but a sad dollar for knowing in advance that he would not be coming back to Maine until next summer. **Kim** had a happy dollar for her maternal grandmother who is from Poland and was happy about what she had learned from her about Polish cooking. She was also happy for a last chance to go camping on Mount Desert Island. **Dave** was happy that he and Becky were heading to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the week and hoped that the area had dried out a bit from the recent record heavy rain by then. **Curtis** was happy he and Terry were able to get away to Canada to celebrate 30 years together. On their way home, they encountered a Lions Club road toll in Coaticook, Quebec. They not only

had a toll going into town, but also had one on the way out....and something to think about?....probably not. **Ron** was happy to hear from Val and Chris who called to say they were enjoying their trip to the Virgin Islands.

**50/50** – Dennis King’s number was drawn but he drew the 8 of Hearts, announcing ahead of time that he would donate the winnings back to the club, so, of course, we were all pulling for him.

**October Birthdays:** Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Terry Cole – 10/26

**October Anniversaries:** Bob and Irina Kahn – 10/5; Curtis and Terry Cole – 10/6; Beth and Mike Abbott – 10/11

**October Membership Anniversaries:** Glenn Huntley – 31 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Weston – 2 yrs. – 10/9; Bob and Irina Kahn – 7 yrs. – 10/15; Tally Decato – 22 yrs. – 10/20; Chris Twitchell – 4 yrs. – 10/26

### **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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