

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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 301st day of 2015. There are 64 days remaining in the year. The Anderson-Staples Post is program chair today. Their guest speaker is Paul L'Heureux, State Adjutant for the Dept. of the Maine American Legion. John Griffith 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.

10/30 – Costume Party for Child Trafficking, 1 Longfellow Sq., Portland, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

11/2 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 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

11/25 – Pat Cook and Curtis Cole

12/2 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. It was great to see PP Larry Jordan once again, our only guest last week.

Announcements:

President Chris – Remember the Costume Party for Child Trafficking is coming up on the 30th. It does not appear, however, that we have anyone planning to attend.

John – the Road Toll for the food pantries raised \$1,914.08 – an all-time record for a road toll. Thanks to Bob, Lynne, Pat, Chris S., Miranda, Beth and John for their help. The next road toll will be on November 8th to benefit the Western Maine Addiction Task Force.

Tally – the Aspire Higher parade was held last Wednesday morning. Tally gave a brief history of the program which has now grown to include all of the students in the District.

Paul – in selling Lottery raffle tickets, some people have questioned the viability of the prizes and don't want to buy them because the tickets will have expired by the time we draw the winners or that the prizes will be gone. This is not the case and if anyone questions the tickets, they can check the Maine Lottery website.

Last Week:

Prior to the introduction of our guest speaker, **President Chris** presented **AG Beth Abbott** with a 13 year perfect attendance award. **Lynne Schott** was not present but she also has an 11 year perfect attendance award waiting in the wings. Congratulations to Beth and Lynne.

Our guest speakers were Dolfine Gumba Dawa and Pamela Abila, members of the Kavirondo Rotary Club in Kisumu, Kenya. Dolfine is the founder of the Korando Educational Center in Kisumu and where Pamela also has an important role. Dolfine spoke to us in 2008 when she was just starting the orphanage, renamed an educational center. There are over 200 students at the school. Since 2008, there have been many improvements made. They now have running water, new latrines, new cow pens, more animals and a fish pond. With additional land purchases, their farms now encompass 7 acres. Food and irrigation are the largest issues they face as they are trying to be totally self-sufficient. Some of their property borders Lake Victoria and can draw from the lake for irrigation. However, because their fields are not all contiguous, getting the water to the fields is expensive. They are hoping to get a solar powered water pump as electricity to run the pumps they currently have costs \$50 per day per pump, and there are 7 of them. The problem is distance not depth so it will cost upwards of \$150,000.00 for the solar system. Pamela then gave a very interesting power point presentation.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Ron** had a happy dollar for a successful senior dinner at the Progress Center where we served about 60 senior citizens. **Larry** was happy to be back to see Dolfine and Pamela. **Mary Lou** had a sad dollar for the missing dictionaries which hopefully will come in the next few days. **Lois** suggested that we pass the hat for the Korando Educational Center which was done and she was happy to be out and about after her ankle surgery and 8 weeks of bed rest. She also had a thank you dollar for everyone who helped out during her recovery. **Bob** was happy that his mother has recovered enough to be getting around with a walker.

50/50 – Stan had Susan draw the winning number which belonged to George. However, George didn't draw the King of Clubs so the pot of \$109 rolls over.

Thought for the week:

“Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom and have a longer blanket.”

~The Old Indian~

October Birthdays: Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Terry (Curtis) 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

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

The 4-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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