

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills

P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268

Rotary Theme for 2010-2011: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

2011-2012 Officers and Directors: Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee - Governor District 7780 Gary Speers - Oxford Hills President Beth Abbott - President-Elect Robert Schott - Vice-President OPEN - Secretary Jack Richardson - Treasurer Pat Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Joelle Corey-Whitman. Directors - Dan Allen, Steve Galvin, Dave Preble and Ken Whitman.

Club website - [www.oxfordhillslotary.org](http://www.oxfordhillslotary.org) - District website - [www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org).

**Today's Program Chair is Susan Graves.**

**Our Greeter is PDG George Rice.**

*Please let IPP Joelle know who you have for a speaker so it can be published in upcoming issues.*

Program Chairs and Greeters

**Oct 12** - John Griffith and Dave Preble

**Oct 19** - Glen Huntley and Ron Morse

**Oct 26** - Larry Jordan and Phil Libby

**Nov 2** - Irina Kahn and Bob Kahn

*Students of the Month*

**Nov 9** - Bob Kahn and Irina Kahn

**hear our financial advisor David Barker make a presentation on our financial condition. Joel will also be taking a look at our portfolio to get his opinion.**

*Thursday, November 10, the Rotary Foundation Roadshow will be in town at the Norway Masonic Hall. A potluck supper is planned.*

A Rotoplast trip is being planned to Togo and Rotarian Ellie will be making an afghan to be raffled off to support her trip.

**A grant for \$250,000. is being applied for to assist in the rebuilding efforts in Vermont and New Hampshire. The district is being asked to provide \$10,000. from the district designated funds and each club is being asked to contribute \$500-\$1000. to the cause. In the true spirit of Rotary PDG George jumped up and pledged the first \$100. and Lois Strauss pledged the second \$100. **MANY THANKS TO BOTH GEORGE AND LOIS FOR THEIR GENEROUS EFFORTS.****

*Tally and Susan spoke to us about the revamped Aspire Higher initiative for the month of November. So many different plans are being made it was difficult to keep up with their enthusiasm. Look forward to hear more on this subject.*

**The Dictionary Project is coming up and Mary Lou needs volunteers to deliver them to the schools. A signup sheet will be going around and the date will be announced soon.**

*Glen had his ticket drawn, but he drew the infamous yellow ball winning \$165.00. Congratulations to a first time winner.*

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## Last Week . . .

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, Jack led us in song and Glen led us in prayer. Amen.

**We had one visiting Rotarian, Chris Twitchell PP of the Seabrook-Hampton Falls RC.**

*President Beth, PDG George Rice, his wife, PP Patty and PP John Griffith attended the Bridgton Clubs 20th Anniversary dinner. Our crew presented their club with a new handmade gavel. We also heard there were four "Moose" present.*

Lynne updated us on the previous weekends rafting trip. This included 11 exchange students, 3 rebounders, 1 Interactor plus adults for a total of 25 rafters. "Proxy Moose" got dunked and decided to high tail off into the windlerness. Thanks to Beth "Roxy Moose" was kept off the raft and decided to stay with us.

**President Beth reminds us that there is a board of directors meeting on Monday night October 3rd. All board members should be present to**

- Our speaker was none other than our newest member **Beth Garza**. She was born in Lewiston and has a younger sister who lives in Florida. Mom works for Androscoggin Health Care and Dad is retired from the Maine DOT. Beth met her husband in high school and she worked various jobs until she started her banking career in 1997 working at a variety of banks and Hebron Academy finally settling at Androscoggin Savings bank in 2008. Since then she has earned her way to being the branch manager of both the South Paris and Turner Branches. We are proud to have Beth as a member of the Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills.

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- October Birthday's  
October 13 - Bruce Cook  
October 26 - Terry Cole  
October 31 - Steve Galvin

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- October Anniversary's  
October 5 - Robert and Irina Kahn  
October 6 - Curtis and Terry Cole  
October 11 - Michael and Beth Abbott  
October 19 - Lloyd and Tally Decato

- We still need a Vice-President for this year. This person would be President for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. Please give it some serious thought as it is a rich and rewarding experience.

### **Happy Dollars**

**Lois** had a happy dollar for secretive reasons. She will tell you if you want to know, so call her.

**Lynne** was happy for a great weekend and she had a ball.

**Larry** suggested that Steve Galvin enroll in the check writing and checkbook balancing class given at the high school.

**Dave Preble** was happy that Frank S. is in Florida and not here harassing him about the Red Sox woes. He was also happy that he and Becky enjoyed the zip line at Sunday River so much that he went on one run upside down with no hands.

**Tally and Irina** informed us of a reception at the WMAG center on October 5th from 5-7 PM. It's free, so call her and register.

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- **PLEASE - If you haven't updated your profile on the club website, please do so. If we don't have the correct information in your profile mistakes can be made.**

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- **MMM!!! Remember, Memberships Matters.**

### **Ole and Lena**

Ole had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Yet Lena had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know vat? You have been vit me all tru da bad times. Ven I got fired, you vere dere to support me. Ven my business failed, you vere dere. Ven I got shot, you vere by my side. Ven we lost da house, you stayed right here. Ven my health started failing, you vere still by my side... You know vhat Lena? " "Vat dear?" she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth. "I'm beginnin' to tink you're bad luck..."

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- Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell the name will carry. **Bill Cosby**