

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 316th day of 2015. There are 49 days remaining in the year. We are at the Anderson-Staples American Legion Post in Oxford where we will be serving dinner to Veterans.

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.

11/18 – Curtis Cole and Pat Cook

11/25 – Pat Cook and Curtis Cole – Pat's guest speaker will be Hillary Hendricks from the OH Education Exchange who will be talking about the Exchange and her role as director.

11/30 – Board meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

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

12/9 – Davin Currie and Anderson-Staples Post

12/16 – Tally Decato and Dan Allen

12/23 – OHCHS Christmas Chorale and Beth Abbott

12/30 – Evening meeting at Maurice's – 5:30 PM and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Our guests were the November Students of the Month and their family members.

Announcements:

President Chris – Sign-up sheets were sent around for the Road Toll for the Addiction Task Force last Sunday and tonight's Veteran's Dinner.

Christmas for Teens is looking for help with pillows and personal products again this year. The board voted to donate \$120.00 to that end at their meeting on November 2nd. Rather than ask Rotarians to go out shopping, the board voted to "pass the hat" at our November meetings with the proceeds going to purchase those personal

products – shampoo, toothpaste, etc. The board thought that by doing it this way, the products could be purchased in bulk and more evenly distributed.

Mary Lou – thanked everyone who helped distributing dictionaries this year.

Dave – talked about the Foundation and reminded everyone that \$2 per week per Rotarian will get us to the goal of \$100 per Rotarian per year.

Paul – don't forget to sell the Lottery Raffle tickets. We have sold enough to break even, everything we sell in the next three weeks will be profit. Also, cheese wheels – Ron sold 40 to Bessey Motor Sales. Sales for both of these fund raisers end on November 25th.

Last Week:

Hillary Hendricks of the Education Exchange introduced our November Students of the Month with assistance from Linda, Chris, Tally and Pat. After their award presentations, President Chris and Dan gave a talk on Rotary. The write-ups on the students are attached.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Lynne** was happy to see the students. She was also happy that Rob's Garage saved her after the alternator died on her car in Mechanic Falls. **Linda** talked about the "Green Light Event" for Veterans. You can purchase a green light at Wal-Mart to put on your porch to thank veterans for their service. **Kim** had an apology dollar for Mary Lou for not getting out to help deliver dictionaries. She also announced that she has accepted a position as assistant swim coach at Edward Little HS in Auburn. **Glenn** had a happy dollar – "Go Eddy's" – and also told us that he was the chair of our first Polio Plus campaign. He talked about his wife Sharon's family and their experiences with polio. **John's** desk top crashed a couple of weeks ago and was replaced with a new Mac. Last weekend, he thought his lap top also crashed but was happy to find out it was just a dead battery.

50/50 – Pat drew Susan's number but she drew the 6 of Hearts. Sorry Susan!

Thought for the week:

"Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you."

November Birthdays: Bob Schott – 11/1

November Anniversaries: Glenn and Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries: Ron Morse – 5 yrs. – 11/10; George Rice – 32 yrs. – 11/11

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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November Students of the Month

9th grade – Tomas Mendieta – Nominated by his History teacher – “Tomas is very respectful to the teacher and his peers. He always gives his best effort and takes responsibility when he is struggling by asking questions and staying after school. He is willing to speak up when he feels his needs are not being met, such as when he felt he could focus in a different seat or that he knew he was going to be distracted if he worked with his friends. He always says please and thank you and is willing to share with his peers.”

“Tomas was assigned to work with a partner on a project and he spoke up that he did not think they would get much work done because they liked to joke around. He was responsible and honest. He then decided that he would be able to do the project with that partner by showing leadership and dividing the work evenly. He did more than his fair share of the work and encouraged his partner to complete their fair share.”

10th grade – Madyson Mitchell – Nominated by her Auto Collision teacher – “Madyson gives up her study hall to help with little projects in the Auto Collision shop. She helped organize tool boxes and set up student folders, among numerous other things. We purchased a new ventilation system for the welding stations. Madyson stayed after school and helped me and another adult install them until after 7:00 PM a few weeks ago. She signs out of her 5th period study hall and comes to the shop to help with little projects and pick-up when she does not have homework.”

11th grade – Dominique Boutot – Nominated by her Reading teacher – “Dominique demonstrates respect for her peers by always being on time to class so their learning time is not wasted. She is extremely responsible, always bringing her lap top and independent reading book. One thing that makes Dominique stand out is her “growth mindset.” She definitely understands that her achievement and growth is directly related to her effort, which is exceptional.”

12th grade – Lauren Kiesman – Nominated by her Photography teacher – “Lauren is currently taking a digital photography independent study during my Photo I course. She’s very knowledgeable on the subject of photography and is always willing to help the students in class even when she has her own projects to complete. While teaching a group of students how to use the darkroom, Lauren put aside her own work and offered to help students in the class develop negatives. Her willingness to help was a huge asset to the students as it was the first time they developed film on their own. Lauren is a wonderful student, OHCHS will miss her bubbly personality when she graduates this year.”

Lauren shared with us that she intends to pursue a career in teaching.