

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 329th day of 2015. There are 36 days remaining in the year. Pat Cook is program chair this week. Her guest speaker is Hillary Hendricks from the OH Education Exchange. Curtis Cole is our greeter.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

11/29 – Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast at Gould Academy

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 or guests last week.

Rotary Moment: Pat talked about Rotary and what it has meant to her through the years and how she is happy she can do more for Rotary now that she is retired. She said she was glad to be part of a group that is concerned, comes together, and has such an impact in and out of the community. She said she is very proud of this club and all that we do. She also recommended reading the Rotarian every month.

Announcements:

President Chris: There will be a National Inoculation Day (NID) in February and there will be a trip to India from February 12 – 23 if anyone is interested in going. Chris checked air fare and it will run about \$3500 round trip. There will also be some free time, including a trip to see the Taj Mahal. Speak to Chris if you are interested.

Christmas for Teens - we passed the hat for the second time this month. Two weeks ago, we collected \$170.00. We will be shopping and spending this money on personal items – deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. – to go with the pillows being collected by the organization. Rather than have us individually shop, we thought there would be more uniformity to collect the money and buy in bulk. That way, items will be more evenly distributed.

In a message from Lynne Schott, President Chris told us that there would be no Interact float in the Christmas parade this year due to the students not meeting their scholarship requirements. Curtis proposed that we enter a float but the consensus of the club that there was not enough time to build one as the parade is just over a week away.

We received a thank-you for our hospitality from **Dolfine Gumba Dawa** and **Pamela Abila** during their visit with us last month.

Paul Thornfeldt – there were some cheese wheel orders and additional raffle ticket sales handed in last week. Remember that the deadline is November 25th (today) and that we will be drawing the raffle ticket winners. Paul and Ron went to the Bethel club last week and sold some cheese wheels and raffle tickets. In turn, they purchased tickets to the Bethel club's Country Breakfast on Sunday, November 29th at Gould Academy from 7:00 – 11:00 AM.

Paul also warned us that he received a message from **Frank Shorey** that he and Connie are coming home for a few days at Christmas this year and that Frank was planning to come to one of our meetings.

Beth Abbott – arrangements were made to shop for and deliver to the food pantries on Saturday, November 21st. We all met at Hannaford at 9:00 to do our shopping and had everything loaded and ready for delivery by 10:30. We only had three to deliver to this year – Otisfield, West Paris and the Progress Center - as the Rowe School pantry asked for a cash donation because Hannaford matches what they raise so our \$500 became \$1000. We owe a huge thank-you to Beth for organizing this event with the pantries. She was there Saturday as were Chris and Val Weston, John, Ron, Paul, George, Patty and Pat. **We also need to thank the Hannaford staff who helped as well – Bruce Croteau, Mike Labbe, Tena Garey, Anne Smith and Dan Griffith.**

Last Week: As Dan Allen and Glenn Huntley were both absent, Lois Strauss ably filled in, leading us in song and prayer. Thank you, Lois.

Curtis Cole introduced our guest speaker, Nikki Millonzi. Nikki is the chair and facilitator of the Fare Share Co-op Community Mosaic Wall. With the help of the OHMS Art Club, the Look Program Students and members of the community, 3'x5' mosaic tiles have been created and hung on the outside wall of the Fare Share building in Norway. This is the wall facing the drive-way to the public parking lot in back of the building. Three tiles were created and hung this year and Nikki is looking to have three more done next year. Each tile has a theme such as one that has garden scenes and another with pollinators – a bee, a humming bird and a bat, among others. Nikki presented a slide show showing all of the work that goes in to making one of these mosaics.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 In spite of the fact that we did not have any Happy Dollars on the 12th, there were very few happy dollars this week. **Lois** was happy that she has booked flights to Florida on December 2nd. She also went to the Kiwanis meeting on November 12th and sold some lottery tickets and cheese wheels. **Beth** gave us some Polio Plus facts – that there were 350,000 reported cases of polio in the world in 1986 when Polio Plus started. This year, there have been 55 reported cases, a tremendous achievement. **Paul** told us a story about RI President Ravindran and his attempted visit to a club in Germany.

50/50 – Curtis drew Susan’s ticket and Susan came close, drawing the Queen of Clubs. There was \$143.00 in the pot.

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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