



# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

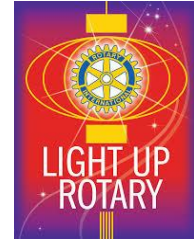
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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015: "Light up Rotary"

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## 2014-2015 Officers

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

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

**Welcome!** Today is the 330th day of 2014. There are 35 days remaining in the year. Beth Abbott is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Kim Preble, VP of the Auburn Morning Club who will be talking about RYLA. Curtis Cole is our greeter.

**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 fellowship and promoting world understanding, peace and goodwill."

**Calendar:** The first name listed is Program Chair, the second is Greeter. Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or [speakmanbiz@gmail.com](mailto:speakmanbiz@gmail.com). Also please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

**11/30 – Bethel Rotary Harvest breakfast, Gould Academy, Bethel.**

**12/3 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns**

**12/10 – Dan Allen and Dan Allen**

**12/17 – OHCHS Chorale and Beth Abbott**

**12/24 – No meeting**

**12/31 – No meeting**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

**New Member Proposal –** Deborah Harris has been proposed as a member by Chris Summers. Deb has helped with the Auction, Lobster & Steak Fest and other activities this year. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

**Interact News:** The club will be putting the Christmas parade float together on Friday at Schott's from 9:00 AM until finish. There will be pizza and hot chocolate. Paul has volunteered to tow the float again this year. We still need blue and gold ornaments and a Christmas tree

## Announcements:

President Chris – we shopped and distributed to the food pantries and Progress Center on Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We delivered to the two food pantries in Otisfield (Spurs Corner and Rayville Rd.) and the one in West Paris. Our donation to the Progress Center will provide the food for their annual Christmas dinner on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Progress Center also provides a community meal every week, serving 150 people. It is a free meal and all are welcome. There are opportunities to work with them cooking, serving and cleaning up if anyone is interested in helping.

Ron – Cheese Wheel sales are progressing. Today is the deadline. Ron is away for Thanksgiving so Paul will be calling Cabot with the final order later today. Chris S. went to Bethel last week and sold 11 to club members there and there may be additional purchases coming.

Chris S. said that the Bethel Club would appreciate our support of their harvest breakfast on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. The breakfast will be served in Ordway Hall at Gould Academy from 7:30 to 11:00.

Bob – went to Portland to meet with DG Lawrence Furbish about re-starting the Youth Exchange committee. He volunteered to chair the committee but needs 2 or 3 more volunteers to help him and is looking for our support. He has 8 days to put something together so he can meet all the other deadlines necessary to have inbound and outbound students ready for next year. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please let Bob know asap.

The mid-year **Leadership Dinner** will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside Inn, Westbrook and the **World Peace and Understanding Dinner** will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD.

Last Week was an unusual meeting because the tables were all in one long row due to the wreath making that has been going on at the church. We also did not have anyone to lead us in singing as neither Dan, Jack nor Frank were in attendance – and there were no other volunteers. Glenn was absent as well, so we had a moment of silence instead of a blessing. Table order was ladies first.

Val introduced Linda Rideout from the Norway Family Shelter at 25 Deering St. and in doing so, she also announced that she would be continuing the cooking classes at the shelter and that her new sales associate would be helping her. Linda then gave us an overview of the shelter and the programs available. The Norway shelter is for women and children only. Most of the residents come in as a result of a break-up in relationships when they find they cannot afford to rent on their own. The shelter is a large 4 bedroom home with a large kitchen and three living rooms. Residents must do their own cooking, abide by the established rules and pass a background check. The shelter does not accept anyone with a felony conviction and they cannot be in an active battering relationship which also means no protective orders for or against them. They also cannot be on the sex offender list. Residents are required to spend 10-15 hours per week on assigned cleaning chores in addition to keeping their rooms clean and picked up. Shelter staff works with residents on goals for them to resolve the issues that contributed to their homelessness and improve their situation so that they and their children can live on their own. To that end, residents must spend 30 hours per week working on their goals. There is a curfew at night, 9:00 PM on week nights and 11:00 PM weekends. Once in for the night, residents are not allowed to leave. They also must save 70% of their income – with some adjustments for things like car insurance – while they are at the shelter.

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 Chris S. was happy that he doesn't live in Buffalo. Lynne had a happy dollar for her granddaughter who, at 4 months, has learned to roll over. Phil was happy that Paul called him about a cocker spaniel that needed a new home. Phil and his wife picked up the dog on Monday evening and he has settled right in. Phil and Shawn now have 5 cocker spaniels. Val was happy that Linda came to speak to us and she was very sad

that she lost a very good friend who passed away last week, Barbara Hall. **Bob** was happy to get to camp to close it up for the winter. It was 17° outside but a balmy 41° inside.

**50/50** – I didn't see who drew Beth's number but it didn't matter as she didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$69 in the pot which rolls over.

**Birthdays in November:** Bob Schott – 11/1; Curtis Smith – 11/3; Shawn (Phil) Libby – 11/4; Lloyd (Tally) Decato – 11/26.

**Anniversaries in November:** Glenn and Sharon Huntley – 11/26

**Membership Anniversaries in November:** Ron Morse – 4 years – 11/10; George Rice – 31 years – 11/11.

### **Make-ups:**

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

Interact Meeting – Tuesday, 2:30 PM at OHCHS, Room B238

### **Thought for the Week:**

**“Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans.”**

**~John Lennon~**

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