

# 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, November 30, 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 Rob Armstrong.

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

## CALENDAR

**Today's Program Chair is PDG George Rice.**

***Our guest speaker is Jim Bouchard.***

**Our Greeter is Susan Graves.**

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

### Program Chairs and Greeters

12/7 - Students/Assembly and Beth Garza

12/14 - Patty Rice and Steve Galvin

12/21 - Jack Richardson and Curtis Cole  
*OHCHS Choir to sing Christmas Songs.*

12/28 - Bob Schott and Tally Decato

1/4/12 - Students - Joelle Corey-Whitman

1/11/12 - Joel Speakman - Pat Cook

1/18/12 - Paul Thornfeldt - Rebecca Dowse

1/25/12 - Val Weston - Dave Carter

2/1/12 - Students - Mary Lou Burns

2/8/12 - Assembly - Rob Armstrong

*some close friends. Bhutan is north of India and south of Tibet. It's about the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined and has a population of about 600,000 people. The religion is almost all Buddhist except for the butchers. Buildings must be built by Bhutanese architecture rules and hardly nay nails are used. Law states that 60% of the land must be left wooded and 40% of the country is a national park. The rivers are clean and not hunting is permitted. Crime is non-existent and tobacco is banned. It is a poor country and transportation to and within the country is minimal at best. There is free public education and health care.*

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### December Birthday's

December 5 - Jane Jordan

December 6 - Curtis Cole

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### December Anniversary's

December 2 - Ron and Laura Morse

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## Last Week...

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

*Pat's husband and former member, Bruce, was a visitor; or, actually Pat's driver for the morning.*

***Steve's ticket was drawn, but he did not get the elusive yellow ball thus losing out on \$94.00.***

**Guest Speaker** - *Dick Onofrio was our guest speaker and he told us about his trip to Bhutan with*

## Happy Dollars

**None due to the shortage of time.**

## How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If

traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.

Check the *Official Directory* or use the Club Locator to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

### **What to do when you can't find a meeting**

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting.

One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local Rotaract club, Interact club, Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship. Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up.

Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a Rotary e-club website. Check with your club secretary and the e-club of interest to learn more.

Find out more about e-clubs.

Refer to the RI Bylaws to learn about other options for making up a missed meeting

### **Making up at Neighboring Clubs**

**Bethel** - Tuesdays 7:30 AM - The Bethel Inn

**Bridgton-Lake Region**

Thursdays 7:15 AM Bridgton Alliance Church

Harrison Road, Bridgton

**Fryeburg Area**

Tuesdays 7:30 AM

St. Eliz-Ann Seton Cath. Ch., Rt. 5

**Rumford**

Tuesdays 7:30 am Hope Assoc.

85 Lincoln St. Rumford

You can always find a club to makeup at on the District 7780 website.

<http://www.rotary7780.org>

### **The Four Way Test**

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it Fair to all concerned.**

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.**

## **The Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## **Rotary and the UN celebrate a**

### **Special Relationship**

More than 1,000 Rotarians, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests celebrated the special relationship between Rotary and the United Nations on 5 November. Rotary-UN Day, held annually at United Nations headquarters in New York City, included panels on health, water, and literacy, highlighting Rotarian projects that advance the goals of the UN and improve lives around the world.

Kiyo Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, commended Rotary for its ongoing collaboration with the United Nations to improve the health of children worldwide, and for its contribution to polio eradication. "Our shared vision for a safer and better world is what brings us together here today," Akasaka said. "It's your model of Service Above Self and your sterling results in improving health that makes Rotary one of the most important partners of the UN."

## **Peace and justice**

Both organizations are striving to create a more peaceful and just world, noted RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka. "If you were to seek the one idea, the one goal that is at the core of Rotary, you would find the same goal that you find in the charter of the UN: to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors," Tanaka said.

Timothy E. Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund, stressed the importance of partnerships. "Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recognizes that every problem the UN faces cannot be [solved] by the UN alone," he said, adding that Rotary's "understanding and commitment to partnerships will make so many of these goals we share possible."

## **Partnerships**

Rotary is committed to partnering with organizations like the UN, said John Hewko, RI general secretary. "Rotary is learning by experience that it can accomplish more in concert with others than it might on its own. Working together multiplies our success: one plus one equals three," Hewko said. "This new formula provides a unique opportunity to enhance humanitarian service, which is what Rotary is all about. It helps build understanding and peace -- the mission of Rotary and the UN." Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, head of the Division of Women and Child Health at Aga Khan University, discussed the strategic partnership between the university and Rotary, and the challenges of promoting maternal and child health in developing countries in Africa and parts of Asia.

More than 300,000 women die each year from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, Bhutta said. "Our biggest challenge is reaching these poor women, families, and infants to give them adequate health care."

"I believe we are at the beginning of the journey with Rotary International to improve child and maternal health in the hardest-to-reach places in Central and South Asia and Africa," he added.

Other panelists during Rotary-UN Day included Jacob Kumaresan, executive director of the World Health Organization, New York; Paul Edwards, senior adviser for UNICEF on water, sanitation, and hygiene; Ginny Wolfe, senior director of U.S. communications for the ONE Campaign; Philippe Kridelka, director of UNESCO, New York; and Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Rotary, which has a 66-year history with the UN, holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many UN agencies.

## **I've Learned . . . .**

These were written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

Enjoy.....

**I've learned..... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.**

**I've learned..... That when you're in love, it shows.**

**I've learned..... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.**

**I've learned..... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.**

**I've learned..... That being kind is more important than being right.**

**I've learned..... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.**

**I've learned..... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.**