



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

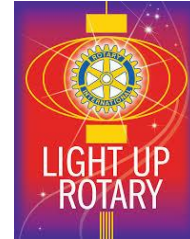
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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

2014-2015 Officers

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Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Welcome! Today is the 344th day of 2014. There are 21 days remaining in the year. The stars have aligned on Dan Allen this week as he is both program chair and greeter. Dan's guest speaker is Jean Delamater who will be talking about Christmas for Teens.

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. 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.

12/17 – OHCHS Chorale and Beth Abbott

12/24 – No meeting

12/31 – No meeting

1/5 – Board meeting at TD Bank, Oxford, 5:30 PM.

1/7 – December and January Students of the Month and Val Weston

1/14 – Joe Balchunas and Chris Weston

1/21 – Mary Lou Burns and Chris Summers

1/26 – Mid-year Leadership Dinner, Fireside Inn, Westbrook.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had three visiting Rotarians from the Auburn club last week - Pete and Joanne Preble, and our guest speaker, Kim Preble.

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 put the Christmas parade float together last Friday at Schott's. Unfortunately, only two students, Brandon and Cesar, came to help. Rotarians Bob and Lynne Schott, Curtis Cole, Chris Summers and

John Griffith also helped. We all went to Pizza Hut for lunch afterwards. Paul Thornfeldt towed the float again this year.

Announcements:

President Chris - thanked everyone who helped with the food pantry shopping and distribution on the 22nd. We had a great time and the donations were very much appreciated. Those who helped were George and Patty Rice, Chris Summers and Deb Harris, Chris Twitchell, John Griffith, Ron Morse, Curtis Cole, Bob and Lynne Schott, Pat Cook, Chris and Val Weston and Beth Abbott. We need to give a special thanks to Beth for making all the arrangements with the pantries and co-ordinating with Hannaford.

Paul – due to our meeting being cancelled last week, Paul spent most of Wednesday delivering cheese wheels to all of us he could find. He delivered mine just as Shelley and I were finishing clearing out our driveway.

Irina – would like to head up a coat drive for the Coat Closet again this year so if you have any coats, mittens, gloves or blankets that you would like to donate, please bring them in the next couple of weeks.

Patty - told us that she visited with Jack Richardson the weekend before Thanksgiving and that he has an excellent outlook. Jack has turned over all of his secretarial duties to John Griffith who will serve as acting secretary for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Beth – reminded us of the mid-year **Leadership Dinner** which will be held on January 26th at the Fireside Inn, Westbrook and the **World Peace and Understanding Dinner** will be on February 23rd, location TBD. George Rice is chair of the WPU and it would be great to have a large Oxford Hills turn out to support him.

Because our meeting was cancelled on the 3rd due to the weather, the December Students of the Month have been invited to come with the January Students of the Month on January 7th.

Last Week - Our guest speaker was Kim Preble, the new Executive Director of the Oxford Hills United Way. Kim presented a power point program on her experience with RYLA – the Rotary Youth Leadership Exchange for young adults, 14 to 35. The purpose of RYLA is to develop leadership skills, increase community involvement and recruit new members for Rotary. Kim attended the District 7790 RYLA program which includes some Quebec clubs which gave it an international flavor. I did not catch where it was held but it was somewhere near Bob and Lynne Schott's camp is located as there was no cell phone reception and they went white water rafting where Bob sets in the river. They also participated in a low and high ropes course and other activities that promote team work. It was suggested that Kim present her program to high school sophomores which she said she was willing to do.

Kim also said that she was considering transferring her membership in the Auburn club to Oxford Hills beginning the first of the year, news that we all heartily accepted. **On a motion of Paul Thornfeldt, we voted to trade Frank Shorey to Auburn for Kim.**

😊 **Happy Dollars!** 😊 **Beth** had a happy dollar for food pantry Saturday which was awesome. **Larry** had an appreciation dollar for John for taking over the secretarial duties from Jack. He had some happy dollars because he has been taking classes in American sign-language. **Pete Preble** had an announcement dollar that the Auburn club is having their annual Christmas tree sale, located on College Rd. in Lewiston, near the Monmouth town line. He was also happy that he went skiing at Sugarloaf on the last day of the 2013-2014 season and that he was able to ski there on the first day of the 2014-2015 season on November 4. **Glenn** had a happy dollar for the reminder in the Reader that today was his and Sharon's anniversary. He also was happy that he and Sharon and their grandchildren from Vancouver are leaving Sunday for a two week Disney cruise. **Dave** was happy for the coming snow, the Red Sox, the Patriots and his family being with us this morning. **Curtis** was happy that he and Terry went to California

last week to visit their son, daughter-in-law and 1 yr. old grandson. [Lynne](#) was happy there was no school today and for the donation of 10 pounds of candy Interact received to hand out in the parade. [Kim Preble](#) had a thank you dollar for having her speak and that she is looking forward to getting involved in the Oxford Hills community again. [Patty](#) had an “Aha moment” dollar for the road tolls. Shopping and distributing food to them gave her a new appreciation for them as a fund raiser. She also had a thank you dollar for Beth for all the back ground work she did putting the event together. [Bob](#) had a happy dollar for Larry learning sign language. He thought Larry should become a ski instructor as they use sign language for that. [Dan](#) had a sad and happy dollar. He needed a new car key for his Audi which was going to cost \$400-\$500 through a dealer but he found a fellow in Belfast who could make a new one for \$80 by using the passenger side door lock

50/50 – Jack S. drew President Chris’s number but Chris didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$80 in the pot which rolls over.

Birthdays in December: Jane (Larry) Jordan – 12/5; Curtis Cole – 12/6

Anniversaries in December: Ron and Laura Morse – 56 years – 12/20; Curtis and Christie Smith – 17 years – 12/27.

Membership Anniversaries in December: Jack Sours – 2 years – 12/19; Anne Carter (Honorary) 1 year – 12/31.

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

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

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

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

Thought of the Week:

“There is no greater obstacle to freedom than the assumption that it has already been attained.”

~ David Edwards ~

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