

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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; Vacant – International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Welcome! Today is the 350th day of 2015. There are 15 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Maisy Griffin from Healthy Oxford Hills. Dan Allen is our greeter.

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.

12/17 – Our turn to help at the Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 – 6:30

12/23 – OHCHS Christmas Chorale and Beth Abbott

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

1/4 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford at 5:30 PM

1/6 – January Students of the Month and Chris Weston

1/13 – Susan Graves and Miranda Ward

1/20 – John Griffith and Christina Twitchell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had two visiting Rotarians last week, our own Frank Shorey from the Rotary Club of Murdock and Warren Spencer, President of the South Berwick/Eliot club. Brittany Turner was te guest of Davin Currie and Dennis Smith was the guest of Tally Decato.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Ed Lyons talked about how fearful people used to be about tuberculosis and polio. He remembered getting the "sugar cube" vaccine and the relief people felt once they received it. We are close to stamping out polio altogether but tuberculosis is still with us.

Announcements:

Paul – had (and I stress had) a truck full of cheese but it was all taken much to Paul's relief as he and Dawne are leaving for points south on Sunday (last).

Paul also told us that he heard from Adaica Rodriguez. She is getting married June 25th in the Dominican Republic and she has invited everyone from Oxford Hills Rotary to attend. Paul and Dawne have already made plans to do so. Adaica has earned a Masters Degree in Science and Eco-terrorism. Her fiancé is from Scotland and they will be living there after their marriage. It is hard to believe that it has been 7 years since Adaica was with us.

Ron – thank you to Paul for his help with the Lottery Raffle and the cheese sales. We do have a few extra cheeses if you need one.

Stan – reminder that the HS Chorale is coming on December 23rd (weather permitting) so our meeting will be in reverse order with breakfast served after the program.

Frank - told us that he received a nice letter from the City of Sarasota, Florida, with a picture of his car and license plate concerning a red light in said city. The letter was accompanied by a bill for \$168.00. Frank is taking donations of .25 to help with payment if anyone is interested in contributing.

The Alan Day Community Garden is embarking on another project and they may approach us to see if we are interested in helping. You may remember that we replaced the roof on their barn and built a storage shed for them a couple or three years ago.

Last Week:

President Chris presented members AG Beth Abbott, Ron Morse and Mary Lou Burns with very nice thank-you mugs – Beth for her work coordinating the food pantry event, Ron for all he did working on the Raffle and Cheese wheels, and Mary Lou for the Dictionary Project.

Dan Allen shared a story about how Mary Lou got the nickname “Lightning Lou”, and all along I thought it was because she was a track star in high school.

As his program, **Davin Currie** gave his classification talk. He started off by telling us his grandmother didn’t win the big prize but she did win some get a little from the lottery tickets she won. Davin told us he is an artistic person and is also musically inclined. His band won the Battle of the Bands in high school. He told us he was first exposed to Rotary when he was an AFS exchange student in 2004 when he noticed that the Rotary exchange students had a noticeably better experience than the AFS students. Davin graduated from UMF in 2009 and went to work for their community TV station. At the same time, he also started a small photography business, doing photography in Telluride, Colorado for a time. He said one of his favorite things to do is wander around in the woods with his dog. After coming back to Maine, he started his insurance business, mostly working in whole and term life insurance. His primary clients are 55-75 years of age and he does basic consulting on Medicare and long term care insurance. He is completing his first year as an independent insurance agent.

☺ **Happy Dollars** ☺: **Dave** was sad that the Patriots had lost two games in a row, but said that whatever the issue is, it will be resolved in the next game (but I’m not saying how). **Frank** told us he was happy to be back for a couple of weeks. He said Connie was in remission and feeling great. They played 18 holes of golf the Sunday. **Pat** told us that Dave Whittier sent a check for \$100 for Christmas for Teens. **Bob** was happy that his mother was still with us after many ups and downs with her health. He was happy that he and Curtis are going to start teaching skiing on Saturday. **John** was happy to announce that his youngest son Ian and wife, Aimee, are expecting in June. This will be his and Shelley’s 3rd grandchild. John was also happy to contribute a quarter to Frank’s financial problem. **Paul** was happy and sad that he and Dawne are leaving for points Florida on the 13th and will not be back until around April 20th. **Dan** was happy to have a nice roofing job. **Curtis** told us that he and Terry had a 3rd grandson born last week in Kansas City. **Miranda** was happy to be attending a concert with her husband on Friday. Andrew got her the tickets for her birthday. It is the first time they have gone to a concert since the twins were born. **Glenn** told us that former member Carmine Pecorelli is doing well and said to say hello to everyone.

50/50 - Paul drew Susan's ticket but Susan didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

December Birthdays: Curtis Cole – 12/6; Miranda Ward – 12/11; Andrew (Miranda) Ward – 12/25

December Anniversaries: Ron and Laura Morse – 57 yrs – 12/20

December Membership Anniversaries: Jack Sours – 3 yrs. – 12/19

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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**Addendum to the Oxford Hills Rotary Reader for Wednesday,
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PE Joel Speakman is proposing the following officers for the 2016-2017 Rotary year to be voted on at our last meeting of 2015:

President: Joel Speakman
President-elect: Christopher Weston
Vice-president: George Rice
Past President: Christopher Summers
Secretary: John Griffith
Treasurer: Pat Cook
Sgt. at Arms: Stan Brett
Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott

Unconfirmed / vacant service chairs:
Club Service Chair:
Community Service Chair:
International Service Chair:
Youth Service Chair: