

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 336th day of 2015. There are 29 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the December Students of the Month and their guests. Mary Lou Burns 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.

12/9 – Davin Currie and Anderson-Staples Post

12/16 – Tally Decato and Dan Allen. Tally's guest speaker is Maisy Griffith from Healthy Oxford Hills.

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

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

Rotary Moment: Curtis thanked Chris for bringing him in to the 21st Century. He also talked about finding Rotary on Wikipedia which emphasized the goals and objectives of Rotary. He said it is well worth reading so check it out.

Announcements:

President Chris: DG Sheila Rollins would like to have a Christmas get together with the 5 clubs in our area. The issue is the lack of time and available dates. Her available dates are the 5th, 12th or 13th of December. The get together would likely be in Bethel. I assume there will be more on this at our meeting.

Christmas for Teens - we passed the hat for the third and last time in November. We raised a total of \$362.00 which will be used to stuff the pillow cases with personal care products.

Dave Preble – Crutches for Africa - We missed the truck as far as delivering the crutches to the delivery site in Biddeford. Dave contacted Dennis Robillard and they could not take any more. Dave is still storing the crutches, walkers and other things we have collected but he found out that Crutches for Africa does have storage available. At some point, he will start taking things down to their facility.

Beth Abbott – We heard from the food pantries in West Paris and Rayville that we donated enough food for them to get through until the end of the year. We owe a big thanks to Hannaford for their help in organizing the shopping as it makes it much easier for us. President Chris and the club thanked Beth for her efforts in organizing the event.

Patty Rice – thanked George and Chris W. for helping out at the Progress Center Community Dinner in November. Our next turn at bat is Thursday, December 17th and we are covered for that date.

Last Week: Before we sang “Jingle Bells”, Dan gave us a brief history of it which was very interesting. Did you know it was not originally intended to be a song associated with Christmas?

The tally is in for the **Cheese Wheels** – we sold 359 of them with a profit of \$5.24 per wheel, so we made a total of \$1,881.16.

Lottery Raffle – President Chris suggested that Rotarian of the Year, John Griffith, draw the winners. They were:

- 1st – Joyce Stevens
- 2nd – Lois Strauss
- 3rd – Michelle Lowell
- 4th – Nancy Sage
- 5th – Laura Morse
- 6th – Sandy Rice

I do not know how much we made from the raffle as I write this.

Congratulations to the winners!

Pat Cook introduced Hillary Hendricks of the Education Exchange. Of course, we know Hillary for her work with the Students of the Month program but most of us probably didn’t know much about her or what else she does as Executive Director of the Exchange. Hillary graduated from OHCHS in 2004 and actually interned with the former ED, Maureen Howard, during time at OHCHS. In addition to co-ordinating the Student of the Month program, Hillary arranges internships for students at local businesses, works with the Aspire Higher program, arranges college fairs, college visits, Staff Member of the Month and puts on financial seminars with Rotarian Susan Graves, among many other duties. Hillary passed out brochures on the Education Exchange if you would like more detail.

☺ Happy Dollars ☺ We did not have happy dollars due to running out of time.

50/50 – Ron drew President Chris’s number but Chris drew the Jack of Hearts. There was \$154 in the pot.

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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