

# 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, December 21, 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 we welcome the OHCHS Choir  
Our Greeter is Curtis Cole.**

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

### Program Chairs and Greeters

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.

***Ellie Newell from the Maine Veterans Home.***

1/25/12 - Val Weston - Dave Carter

1/30/12 - Mid-Year Leadership Conference

2/1/12 - Students - Mary Lou Burns

2/8/12 - Assembly - Rob Armstrong

3/2/12 - Read Across America Day

3/3/12 - Rotary Leadership Institute, Wells, ME.

3/8/12 - 3/10/12 - Presidents-elect Training Seminar  
Framingham, Massachusetts.

3/24/12 - District Assembly

3/30/12 - RI President Banerjee visits S. Port-Cape  
Eliz. Club for their 50th Anniversary.

3/31/12 - RLI, Lebanon, N.H.

4/20-5/20/12 - Inbound GSE Team from Germany.

5/5/12 - 5/9/12 - Rotary International Convention,  
Bangkok, Thailand.

5/18/12 - 5/20/12 - District 7780 Conference  
Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.

## **Last Week...**

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. Dan led us in song and Glen led us in prayer. Patty's visiting guest was Susan Cairns. And wayward member Frank Shorey showed up for his Christmas present, a couple of Red Sox cups from Dave Preble. In

return Frank gave Dave a Tampa Bay Rays sticker. We also had a guest of our speaker, Steve Wight from the Bethel Club. Maria (Agus) Silveira is going to be a member of the outgoing GSE team to Hamburg Germany. Maria is originally from Argentina and now lives in Bethel and works at Sunday River as their online marketing person.

**Frank Shorey received his 27 year Perfect Attendance pin. Congratulations Frank! Is that 13 years in Florida and 14 here in the Oxford Hills?**

*President Beth informed us that A \$400,000 matching grant has been applied for to assist Rotary clubs in Vermont in helping its citizens in the aftermath of the severe flooding in that state. Our district contributed \$19,500. to that cause.*

PP John Griffith informed us that the collection for Toys for Kids was going well. Beth let us know that one of the snowmobile clubs filled her Jeep with toys. Great Christmas spirit.

***Ron Morse updated us on the cheese sales. We sold all of the 125 wheels and have had request for more, even at the last meeting. We plan on doing it again next year. Total profit was over \$700.00 including a last minute \$5.00 donation from Dan Allen to put us over the \$700 mark.***

*PP Patty Rice presented President Beth with a new gavel made by former member Bruce May. Bob Schott finally gave her generator power cord after that.*

Dave Preble's ticket was drawn, but he did not get the elusive yellow ball thus losing out on \$128.00.

**Guest Speaker** - Bethel Rotarian Steve Wight spoke to us about the ***Give Hope/ Give a Hand Project***. This

project was developed in memory of Ellen Meadows by her parents. Her dad developed the prosthetic hand to help the many people worldwide who have lost a hand or part of an arm due to various reasons including unseen land mines. The arm/hand cost only \$50.00 for the parts and volunteer groups have been assembling them. An awesome project that we have been asked to take part in. The arm is now in 56 countries being used by 11,000 people. Check out the website at (www.LN-4.org)

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Also, our club is still collecting crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment for the district to be shipped to the needy in other countries.

- December Birthday's

December 5 - Jane Jordan

December 6 - Curtis Cole

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December Anniversary's

December 20 - Ron and Laura Morse

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- Note from Dan Allen

Hey Paul

I thought it sensible to let folks know about our new/used lighted changeable letter sign. We've talked of having one off and on for some years. One showed up used and working for \$200 along with about 2-300 dollars worth of lettering. With Beth's blessings, I bought it and offered it to the board. The board unanimously concurred. I knew Rob to be looking for one for his business and came up with the suggestion that we explore that. We have an agreement with Rob to take good care of the sign and be responsible for any damage or problems while in his care.

Regards, Dan

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**Happy Dollars**

**Frank** was happy to be back in Maine. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas from he and Connie, was happy to receive his 27 year pin, and then had another dollar for the "hell of it".

**Dan** gave Ron Morse \$5.00 to put the cheese profits over the \$700. mark. Thanks so much Dan.

**Glen** was happy for having time to vacation in Florida and S. Carolina. He tried to make up at the Zephyr Hills club, but met PDG Bill Castle who knew PDG George Rice. Small world Rotary is. He also enjoyed giving out dictionaries to the 3rd grader at the Christian Academy.

**Dave P.** was happy to spend the weekend in New York and meeting Ann Lee Hussey coming back from Nigeria.

**Patty** was happy that George received a message from PDG Bill Castle saying he met some strange fella from Maine in Florida. Patty was also sad that Helen Decato had passed. Helen was a huge supporter of the Lobster feed having attended for many years. She was also the mother-in-law of member Tally Decato.

**Larry** was happy to see that there is a cheap alternative to the expensive prothesis and their repair costs.

**Mary Lou** told us that Glen handed out the dictionaries in front of the whole school at the Christian Academy.

**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.**