

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; 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 357th day of 2015. There are 8 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the OHCHS Chorale with us for our annual Christmas concert. Our greeter is Beth Abbott.

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.

12/30 – 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. Susan's guest speakers are Dave Preble and Jeff Lange who will be giving us an update on the Western Maine Addiction Task Force.

1/20 – John Griffith and Christina Twitchell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Our guest speaker, Maisy Griffin is a member of the Bethel Rotary. Liz Blaquiére was the guest of Miranda Ward.

Rotary Moment: In the absence of scheduled greeter Dan Allen, President Chris talked about PDG Peter Johnson and the two different stories he tells about the first project done by the first Rotary club in Chicago. Chris asked Peter once about why he told two different stories and his response was that there are no written records, only legends (memories) passed down. So, the first project was either a bathroom in the Chicago business district to encourage shoppers to stay in town longer or a new horse drawn carriage for a doctor to make his rounds.

Announcements:

President Chris: only has some reminders from DG Sheila Rollins. First is not to forget the Mid-year Dinner coming for current and incoming officers in mid-January; second is the World Understanding and Peace Dinner on

February 20th; and last is the Early Bird pricing for the District Conference ends January 1, so if you want to get the discounts being offered, you must register by then.

Ron – would like to close out the cheese sales. If you have any money from sales that needs to be turned in, please do so. We have 12 extra cheeses to sell if you have any late takers.

Patty – thank you to Stan Brett and Anne Carter for helping with the Progress Center dinner on the 17th. Their help was much appreciated.

Miranda – please wear “festive” gear next week for a group photo. (Any ugly sweaters out there? *ed.*)

Beth – Christmas for teens was able to help 195 teens this year.

Incoming officers for 2016-2017 – see the last page of the Reader. I do not have any updates from last week.

Last Week:

Liz Blaquiere passed out Christmas boxes of homemade cookies to everyone in the room in appreciation for our help with the Community Dinners at the Progress Center.

Tally Decato introduced our guest speaker, Maisy Griffin from Healthy Oxford Hills. Because of her experience with Interact in high school, Maisy became a member of the Bethel Rotary in 2014. Although she is considered a part of Healthy Oxford Hills, she is actually employed through Ameri Corp. In her position, she oversees VISTA, which works to reduce poverty, the NCCC which is a teen based group that works at different sites across the US also working to reduce poverty, the Anti-hunger Opportunity Corp and the Maine Hunger Initiative.

☺ **Happy Dollars** ☺: **Frank** said something about baseball when he comes back in May. He also wished us a Merry Christmas. **Ron** had a happy dollar for his daughter-in-law who called to tell Ron and Laura that she received an all clear and is cancer free. **Val** had a happy and proud dollar for Bearfoot Realty which raised \$3,000 for Christmas for Teens at their Christmas party. **Stan** reminded us that he paid for 2 wedding last year but was happy to announce that it paid off because Lauren is now expecting.

50/50 – For the first time ever, Stan asked John to draw the winning ticket. John drew Mary Lou’s number but Mary Lou drew the 2 of Diamonds. There was \$187 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?



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**

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Proposed Officers for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year

PE Joel Speakman is proposing the following officers 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: