

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, December 9, 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."

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### 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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 343rd day of 2015. There are 22 days remaining in the year. Davin Currie is program chair this morning and Anderson-Staples Post is our greeter.

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**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](mailto: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.

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

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

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** The December Students of the Month and their parents were our guests last week. There were no visiting Rotarians.

**Rotary Moment:** Mary Lou talked about the dictionary project and how happy and proud she is to be part of such a great program. This year we distributed 280 dictionaries to SAD 17 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

### Announcements:

**President Chris** – We received a thank-you card from the food pantry at the Rayville Church in Otisfield.

At the board meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the board voted to support the effort to raise funds to put in the solar water system for Dolfine's school and orphanage in Kenya. They will need \$25,000.00 to install solar panels to run the pumps for their farms. We were the only club in District 7780 that Dolfine spoke to; the other clubs were in

District 7790 and she seemed to garner a lot of interest. The board voted to pledge \$1,000.00 toward this effort and we will be challenging the other clubs in District 7780 to do the same. Dave Preble and Lois Strauss have volunteered to head up this effort for us.

Also from the board meeting, there was a discussion about inviting the other District 7780 clubs to our evening social meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup> as due to time constraints and the time of year, DG Sheila's hopes to arrange a Christmas social did not come about. The board felt this would be a way to bring everyone together. President Chris agreed as long as we have an accurate count to give Maurice's.

**Ron and Paul** went to Vermont to pick-up our cheese wheels. Unfortunately, there was some mis-communication and they only had 58 cheese wheels set aside for us, not 58 cases! So, Cabot is going to deliver the cheese to their Portland store for us to pick up there, and with the help of the Portland store manager arrangements have been made to pick the cheese up there rather than in Vermont from now on.

**Secretary John** – Concerning the **Reader**, since it is e-mailed to all members, the printed copies are being left behind and they end up in the trash. It's kind of a waste for Grassroots to print them and for John to pick them up so he suggested that we only print one per table and it was agreed that we would try that going forward.

It is also time to be thinking of **Rotarian of the Year 2015**. Nomination forms are on the table and include a second page listing all past Rotarian's of the Year. Nominations are due the first of the year. John, Curtis and Ron will meet in early January to choose the ROTY.

John also reminded us about the **Rule of 85** for our attendance. That is – if your age and the number of years you have been a Rotarian is 85 or more, you are exempt from make-ups and any absences do not count against club attendance or your perfect attendance. It is not mandatory but if you fall into this category and want your attendance counted this way, please let John know.

**Last Week:** Our guests were the December Students of the Month – Austin Doughty, 9<sup>th</sup> grade; Caroline Burns, 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Chad Martin, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Sarah Carter, 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader. After their introductions and the presentation of their awards, President Chris and Dan Allen talked about Rotary and what we are all about.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 We had a few happy dollars this week. **Kim** never thought she would end up in a career involving fund raising but she said he always wanted to be a coach and is enjoying her role as assistant swim coach for Edward Little HS in Auburn. **Lynne** was happy for the Students and is working with the Interactors on their grades so they can become active in the club again. She was also happy for Thanksgiving with her family and the time she had with her granddaughter. **Glenn** reminded us that hunting season is still going on so be careful out there.

**50/50** – Chris W. drew Joel's number but Joel didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

### Thought for the Week

“Minnesota Proverb”

“It's better to drive too slow and wish you were going faster than to drive too fast and wish you were going slower.”

(Something to keep in mind as the winter approaches)

**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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://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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## December Students of the Month

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Austin Doughty – nominated by his English teacher.**

“Austin shows respect, moral courage, integrity and responsibility. In class, Austin is always good natured, polite, hard-working and respectful. He is a role model for other students and they respect him in turn. While he is conscientious about his grades, Austin seems more interested in learning and in helping others learn. In his freshman tutorial, he acts as a trusted teacher’s aide, running errands and assisting his peers when the teacher is busy working with other students. His social studies teacher has remarked that Austin is a ‘positive force’ in that class where he intuitively makes an appropriate joke to lighten the mood. Moreover, Austin has perfect attendance, which combined with his other behaviors, means that I can count on him. Austin has earned one of my highest compliments: I can trust him to do the right thing even when no one is watching. He has integrity.”

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Caroline Burns – nominated by her Student Council Advisor.**

“Caroline shows respect, generosity, compassion and responsibility. Caroline is a member of the Class of 2018 Student Council. She has worked endless hours on fundraising events since the start of school all while keeping up with school work, keeping a smile on her face and having a great sense of humor while taking on these additional responsibilities. We recently held a ticket auction as a fund raising event. She put in many hours, giving up lunch breaks and after school time to make this event successful. She did EVERYTHING that was asked of her, didn’t complain and kept us all laughing during a stressful event. In the end, this event turned out to be our biggest fund raiser to date. Much to do with her efforts!”

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Chad Martin – nominated by his Art teacher**

“Chad shows respect and responsibility. Chad is the only Junior in a class of Freshmen and he is a mature influence on the other students in the class. When trying to give directions on a Friday afternoon, Chad calmly and respectfully encouraged students to quiet down so that they could hear the plan for the day. He does a wonderful job on his art projects and I’m pleased to have him in class.”

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade – Sarah Carter – nominated by her Human Anatomy and Physiology Teacher**

“Sarah shows integrity, responsibility and dedication. Sarah has grown so much as a student since the beginning of last year. She is the first person I have ever had take Anatomy and Physiology as an independent study and she is doing amazing! During last year’s AP Biology, Sarah often asked others for help and guidance but by the end of the course, many were asking Sarah for help understanding the concepts in class. This year, she is prepared every day for a very intensive study where she is earning a solid A+. She is very dedicated to the Student Council and not only helping her own classes run smoothly but is involved in directing and guiding underclassmen as well.”