

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills
P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268
Rotary Theme for 2011-2012:

“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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 Dave Preble - Secretary Jack Richardson - Treasurer Pat Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Joelle Corey-Whitman. Directors - Foundation chair - Larry Jordan, Membership chair - Dan Allen, Publicity chair - Steve Galvin, and Community and Club Service chair - Rob Armstrong.
Club website - www.oxfordhillsrotary.org - District website - www.rotary7780.org.

CALENDAR

Today’s program chair is Dan Allen who is also the greeter. Our guest speaker is Gene Benner.

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

Program Chairs and Greeters

Next Week -

Feb. 22 - Rob Armstrong - Val Weston

Feb. 29 - Stan Brett - Joel Speakman

March 7 - Students - Lynne Schott

March 14 - Assembly - Bob Schott

March 21 - Mary Lou Burns - Jack Richardson

March 28 - Dave Carter - Patty Rice

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2/17/12 - World Peace Dinner

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.

3/15-3/18 - Exchange Student Ski weekend.
Host families needed.

3/24/12 - District Assembly

3/24/12 - Bowl for Kid’s Sake

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. Visiting Rotarians were AG Sheila Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region and Bruce Powell from Bethel.

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- Susan Cairns was inducted as our newest member by Patty Rice. Her classification is Cosmetologist. Congratulations and welcome to our club.

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Last week was assembly week. Beth received word from the snowbirds. **Lois and Herb Strauss** are heading out for a 62 day cruise in the Med. **Lois** also congratulated **Susan** on her induction. **Frank** wants us to spend 15 minutes on how much we miss him. **Frank WHO?** **Dave Whittier** is in Texas and getting ready to go to Georgia. **Warren Spencer** tells us his daughter is still recovering from the wounds she received while in war zones. She requires more surgery. **PDG Jim Lilley** tells us his wife has been ill and he is having a hip replaced soon. Hopefully, he will be healed in time to play golf this summer.

The board of directors has approved moving our investment funds from Ameriprise to Edward Jones. The new investments are less risky, safer and more socially responsible. Transactions can be approved by the officers in charge at that time.

We received a credit of \$884.00 from our district dues.

Rob Armstrong - Community Services Director - We donated over 140 coats and other items for the Coat Closet. Rebecca Dowse is teaching a cooking class at the Woman’s Shelter in Norway. We will be having a

food drive the next two weeks to replenish stores at the local food pantries. We actually collected \$46.00 at the meeting to get the ball rolling.

President Beth announced that a Rotary Leadership Institute is being held at York CC in Wells on March 3rd. from 8-2 and includes breakfast and lunch. Let her know if you would like to go.

March 2, is also the Read Across America Literacy Project. Could you volunteer to read to children at the local schools?

Patty Rice is looking for items for the District Conference Silent Auction. They should be at least a \$100.00 value. The goal is to reach \$5000. with all funds going to the foundation.

Bob Schott will be heading to the PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar in Framingham, Mass on March 8th.

We had a discussion of our placemats being donated to be used at other public suppers. Could be expensive since there are many of public suppers in the area. It was suggested that we laminate them for our own meetings to be used over and over. There may be a problem with cleaning them.

Annual Dinner changes. President Beth tells us that it would nice to have a cocktail party to announce the Rotarian of the Year. It was also suggested that the annual dinner be held for the change over of officers in late June.

It was announced that the Bethel Club has two events coming up. On Sat. 2/25 there is a wine and beer tasting for \$15.00 per person. and on Sunday, March 18, they will be having their country breakfast.

President Beth told us that we have been issued a challenge from the Bethel Club for the Bowl for Kid's Sake on March 24th. Jack will lead our team to victory to decide who wins. We just don't know what the prize is yet. Maybe whoever loses has to pay double.

Joel had his 50/50 ticket drawn, but he drew two blue balls. The pot is now over \$63.00

Our club is always collecting crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment for the district to be shipped to the needy in other countries. Also, we still can donate coats for the Coat Closet.

February Birthday's

- February 1 - Anne Carter
- February 4 - Rebecca Dowse
- February 4 - Shelly Griffith
- February 13 - Pat Cook
- February 24 - Ron Morse

Happy Dollars

Bob S. has poster's available for the Special Olympics Dance in McFalls. The date is April 17, and the cost is \$25.00 per couple.

Patty was sad to tell us that Past RI President Glenn Estes has passed away. Glenn visited us and the library in Litchfield during our centennial. She was happy that she, her mom and her granddaughter were together making pies.

Curtis was curious about the identity theft going on in the room. He noticed that visiting Rotarian Bruce Powell had George Rice's badge and Patty's cup.

Glen was happy to be selling raffle tickets for the fishing derby to raise money to benefit kids fishing programs.

Making up at Neighboring Clubs

Interact Club meets in Room B-112 at 2:30 PM on Thursdays.

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.

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