

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

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; Phil Libby – 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 48th day of 2016. There are 318 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is program chair and we will be having a membership workshop. Patty Rice is our greeter. Don't forget that we will be distributing food baskets this morning after our meeting.

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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.

**2/20 – World Peace & Understanding Dinner, Sable Oaks, So. Portland, 5:30PM – 9:00PM**

**2/24 – Kim Preble and George Rice**

**2/29 – March Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30PM – 6:30PM**

**3/2 – March Students of the Month and Kim Preble**

**3/9 – Deb Harris and Dave Preble**

**3/16 – George Rice and Ron Morse**

**3/19 – RLI, York County Community College, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.**

**3/23 – Patty Rice and Glenn Huntley**

**3/26 – Interact New Generations Conference, Thornton Academy, Saco, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

### Thought for the Week:

**"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still."**

**~Harry S. Truman~**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Dennis Smith was the guest of Tally Decato. There were no visiting Rotarians.

**Rotary Moment** – Substituting for Lynne, Bob reminded us that new members are co-greeters their first month with us.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris** - We received an invitation to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. If anyone is interested in attending, please speak to Chris about the details. We also received a thank-you letter from Christmas for Teens.

Remember the World Peace and Understanding Dinner is at the Mariott in South Portland this coming Monday evening, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up on line if you wish to attend.

From the board meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the St. Patrick's Day senior dinner was discussed. Miranda will co-ordinate with the Progress Center as St. Patrick's Day is the same day as the Progress Center Community Dinner, Thursday, March 17. We are not sure if the Progress Center kitchen staff will want to prepare two meals that day. An optional date would be Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Also from the Board meeting, we donated \$1,000.00 to the Oxford Hills chorale for their trip to NYC and their performance at Carnegie Hall. Each student needed to contribute \$749 themselves and due to extenuating circumstances, 5 students were just not able to come up with the full amount. They are still raising money so with our contribution, they should be able to reach their goal.

**Mary Lou** received a thank-you letter from the Dictionary Project for our work in providing every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student in the district a dictionary.

**Patty** has already posted this on our Face Book page but for those who had not seen it, there is a spam e-mail going out to Rotarians entitled "End Polio Now". It looks like it is coming from the RI web site. Do not open it.

**Miranda** – asked everyone to bring in the names and addresses of 5 people we think might make good members for this morning's membership activity program.

### **Last Week:**

President Chris presented perfect attendance awards to Patty Rice (23 yrs.), George Rice (22 yrs.), Ron Morse (5 yrs.), Dan Allen (26 yrs.) and Stan Brett (20 yrs.). Congratulations all!

Our guest speaker was Shannon Moxcey, the General Assistance Administrator for Norway, Paris and other local towns. Shannon gave us an update on her role in the process and the work she has been doing.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Glenn** – had sad dollars for his mom who passed away a couple of weeks ago. He was glad to be able to make it to Florida to see her before she passed. She was only in hospice care 10 days. He also said the Zephyr Hills Rotary is awesome! **John** was happy not to be sick after a bout with a stomach virus last week that hit everyone in his family. **Bob** – Missing 26 years, Bob was thrilled to find the hat he wore when he hiked the Grand Canyon.

**50/50** – Dennis drew Mary Loui's number but Mary Lou drew the 9 of hearts. Sorry Mary Lou!

**February Birthdays:** Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24

**February Wedding Anniversaries:** Jack and Barbara Sours – 2/26

**February Membership Anniversaries:** Pat Cook – 16 years – 2/2

### **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 Hills 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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