

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2014-2015:

"Light Up Rotary"

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."

2014-2015 Officers:

Rotary International President: Gary Huang – Governor, District 7780: Lawrence Furbish – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Christina Twitchell – Pres. Elect: Chris Summers – Vice-pres.: Joel Speakman – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: Jack Richardson – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Dave Preble – Community Service Chair: Dan Allen – International Service Chair: Larry Jordan – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Youth Services Chair: Curtis Smith – Vocational Service Chair: Ron Morse

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Our thoughts this week are with Jack Richardson and his family. Jack passed away on Thursday, February 12th at the age of 73. He was a long time Oxford Hills Rotarian who served as president and secretary among the many other things he did for the club. He was Rotarian of the Year in 2005. According to the funeral notice in the newspaper, there will be a private memorial service for the family in the spring.

Welcome! Today is the 49th day of 2015. There are 316 days remaining in the year. Pat Cook is program chair this morning and Bob Schott is greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Program Chair Joel Speakman know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-381-0081 or at speakmanbiz@gmail.com. Also please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

2/23 – World Understanding and Peace Dinner, Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland, 5:30-9:30.

2/25 – Susan Graves and Lynne Schott

2/28 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, York County Community College.

3/4 – March Students of the Month and Patty Rice

3/11 – Tally Decato and George Rice

3/12-3/14 – PETS, Sheraton, Framingham, MA.

3/14 – District Youth Services Conference, Marshwood High School, South Berwick

3/18 – Grant Management Seminar from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM, Cumberland Club, Portland

3/20 – Exchange Students Ski Weekend Meeting and Dave Preble. This is a Friday meeting.

3/25 – John Griffith and Ron Morse

3/28 – District Assembly from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, York County Community College

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Kim Preble was the guest of Dave Preble.

Membership Proposal: Kim Preble from the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club has been proposed as a member by Dave Preble. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

Interact News: This is school vacation week, so the club did not meet but according to advisor Lynne Schott, the club is gearing up for the Youth Services Conference on March 14th and for the Exchange Student Ski weekend on March 20th.

Announcements:

In approximately one month, we will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** for senior citizens (55 or older) at the Progress Center. This is a new event that we are going to try. Other clubs have done something similar and it has proved very popular. The Progress Center staff will do the cooking, we will help with serving and clean-up as well as providing the food. Ron Morse has been working with the Progress Center and he reports that they are very excited about this. We will also be advertising this in the newspaper.

We will be distributing **food baskets** after our meeting next week. We will be purchasing the food from Hannaford again this year.

The **World Understanding and Peace Dinner** is coming up next Monday, February 23rd. If you would like to go, register on line on the District website. The cost is \$60 per person (\$65 after February 15th). George said that 2001-2002 past RI President Rick King is coming from California to speak and that he is a fabulous speaker.

From Bob Schott – Due to a conflict with the District Youth Services Conference, the Exchange Students Ski Weekend has been moved to March 19-22. That means our meeting with the Exchange students will be on Friday, March 20th, not Friday, March 13th as originally scheduled. The calendar has been adjusted accordingly.

Last Week – Our special Rotarian of the Year meeting was held at Maurice's Restaurant in South Paris on Monday evening, February 9th. We had our choice of numerous hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cheese, crackers and veggies. After about a half hour of socializing, President Chris had a few reminder announcements and then introduced last year's ROTY, Curtis Cole, to present the award to this year's winner. Curtis said that there were 15 nomination forms handed in with 4 different Rotarians nominated but that one person received the majority of the nominations. Building anticipation, Curtis read some of the comments members wrote on the nomination form but when he said that "this person recently stepped up to take on a challenging leadership position," the cat was pretty much out of the bag. **Congratulations to the 2014 Rotarian of the Year, John Griffith!**

☺ Happy Dollars ☺ - Due to the Rotarian of the Year program, we did not have happy and sad dollars last week.

50/50 – Chris S's number was drawn but he did not pick the right card. The pot rolls over once again.

Birthdays in February: – Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24.

Anniversaries in February – Jack and Barbara Sours – 2/26.

Membership Anniversaries in February: – Pat Cook – 15 years – 2/1.

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

Mountain Valley – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, OHCHS

Remember the 4-Way Test:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Good Will and Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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