

# 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 22, 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](http://www.oxfordhillsrotary.org) - District website - [www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org).

## CALENDAR

**Today's program chair is Rob Armstrong.**

**His guest speaker will be Irina Kahn.**

**Our Greeter is Val Weston.**

*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. 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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**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  
Harraseket 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 Rotarian was al Barth from Bethel.

Our guest speaker was Gene Benner from Bessey Motors. Gene is a Paul Harris Fellow having earned that distinction for his community service efforts. Gene was a favorite school teacher and coach and has been at Bessey Motors for 28 years. He has owned it for 18 years. Gene gave us a history from 2006 to present on how the auto industry went into a tailspin and has since recovered. Wasn't a smooth trip and there were quite a few bumps along the way. Bessey's has successfully survived and is doing well thanks to local customer support and a great staff in service, collision and sales.

Larry has the list of "recognition points" for each Rotarian. Recognition points are the number of dollars that each of us has contributed to the Rotary Foundation. 1000 points are needed to receive a Paul Harris Fellow. It has been the custom of our club to match 500 points for each Rotarian who donates 500 points towards a PHF. BUT, only dollars donated by said Rotarian are credited towards being a major donor. Matched credits cannot be used toward being a major donor. A major donor is when said Rotarian donates \$10,000 to the foundation, a goal each of us should strive to achieve.

Phil Libby tells us he has had a successful food drive at the Jr. High. Ron Morse will be picking up the food items for transport to the local food pantry. Phil is also passing around a signup sheet for the April 6th Career Fair at the Jr. High. The hours will be from 8-10 AM. Here is a great chance for each of us to promote our own professions to the students at the Jr. High.

We passed the hat for food pantry donations and collected \$77.00 on top of the \$46.00 from last week.

President Beth has 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. Mary Lou is looking for volunteers 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.

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.

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.

Bob Schott had his 50/50 ticket drawn, but he drew two blue balls. The pot is now over \$73.00

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

Tally told us it was warmer up here than it was in Florida on her recent trip.

**Dan** thanked Gene for his contributions of a car every year to our annual auction. He was also thankful for filling in at the high school music program.

**Ron** told us that Good Shepherd food bank has fallen on some rough times due to the lack of funding from the federal gov't and they are happy to get cash to purchase needed items.

**John G.** was happy to have found his missing Rotary tie clip. Also, for being honored as closing the most loans at his bank.

**Larry** is happy that his granddaughter was accepted in the music program at UM. Why not? She plays 6 or 7 instruments.

**Mary Lou** announced that she has an almost flat tire. Time to call Bessey Motors repair squad.

**Bob Schott** has more posters available for the Special Olympics dance on April 17th.

### 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 make up at on the District 7780 website.

<http://www.rotary7780.org>

### The Four Way Test

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?