

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.: John Griffith – 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

Thought for the week: "Suppose you were a member of Congress. And suppose you were an idiot. But I repeat myself." ~ Mark Twain ~

Welcome! Today is the 56th day of 2015. There are 309 days remaining in the year. Susan Graves is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is from Healthy Oxford Hills. Bob Schott is our greeter this morning.

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.

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

3/2 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford at 5:30 PM.

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 or guests last week.

Announcements:

President Chris - we received a certificate of thanks from the Dictionary Project which Chris presented to Mary Lou. We donated \$660 for dictionaries last year. Cumulatively, the Dictionary Project has given

dictionaries to 24,251,431 students of which 2,904 were given out by OH Rotary. Last year, the Dictionary project gave out 1,983,412 dictionaries to 3rd grade students.

We also received a thank-you note from [Luke Davidson](#), one of our scholarship recipients last year.

We are making progress on the [St. Patrick's Day Luncheon](#) at the Progress Center for senior citizens (55 and older). We will be placing advertisements in the paper as well as placing posters in local businesses. The lunch is by reservation only to the first 100 people that call in to TD Bank which is handling the reservations for us. We will only need 4-6 Rotarians to help out so if you are interested, speak to Ron Morse.

Our new [placemats](#) have been ordered and should be ready for this weeks' meeting.

[Ron Morse](#) talked about the food baskets we will be distributing after today's meeting. We will be giving out 20 baskets worth \$50 each. We must have teams of 2 and Ron would like 10 volunteers.

[Patty Rice](#) reported that as of yesterday afternoon, our new Facebook page is up and running. Patty invited all OH Rotarians on her personal friends' list to like the page and share it with our friends to get the word out. As of last Wednesday morning, we have 67 likes which is more than double our membership.

[Dave Preble](#) brought in a bottle of "Friendship" Ale he found while skiing in New Hampshire last week. The label showed that it was sponsored by the Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club. With the new brew pub opening in Norway, he wondered if this was something we might consider doing.

[Mary Lou](#) asked if there was any interest in participating in Read Across America this year. She is not sure of the actual date but it will likely be during the first week of March. We did not have many participate last year. Please speak to Mary Lou if you have any interest.

[Frank Shorey](#) reports that he has "been busy working full time to convert Red Sox fans to Tampa Bay Rays fans and that success has set in....have converted 1322 and only in one week....Red Sox nation by opening day may be no more....sorry Red Sox fans, your friend, Frank."

[Last Week's Program](#) – Our guest speaker was Dave Griffith from the Brunswick Coastal Rotary. Dave's talk ties in with Read Across America. Dave has been a Rotarian for about 12 years, first joining the Auburn Rotary in 2003. Looking for something community oriented to do in retirement, he started volunteering at the Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls reading to the kids one day per week. That soon evolved into two or three days and eventually, the kids were reading to him. He said the kids are really excited to participate and he enjoys talking to them about their reading material as they enjoy telling him about what they learn. He has gotten members of the Brunswick Coastal club to go to the Coffin School in Brunswick every week and is trying to get more Rotary clubs to participate in their communities. Dave said it's a real service to the community without having to raise funds.

😊 [Happy Dollars](#) 😊 - [Pat](#) had a happy dollar announcing her retirement from SMH on July 3rd. Congratulations Pat! [John](#) had a thank you dollar for being chosen ROTY, but he had two sad dollars – one for [Frank Shorey](#) who was sad that he had not been mentioned in the Reader for some time and another sad one for his daughter who suffered a very early miscarriage. It was emotional, but his daughter and her fiance are doing fine and will try again. [Curtis C.](#) had a happy dollar for John becoming ROTY and he reported that he met with Ted Moccia and Nancy MacLain at OHCHS and that they are excited about finding an exchange student for us next year. [Larry](#) had a happy dollar for his grandson, the

basketball player who played his heart out even though his team was fighting a losing battle. Lynne had a happy dollar for John, a sad dollar for not being able to visit with her granddaughter because she was ill, and another sad dollar for Bob who had a sore shoulder after an incident with a tree. Glenn had a sympathy dollar for Jack R.'s family and a thank you dollar for club members supporting the Norway-Paris Fish & Game Ice Fishing Derby. Dan had remembrance dollars for Dave Hankins and Jack Richardson. Patty was sorry she missed the ROTY meeting. She also had a remembrance dollar for Jack and she told us that Adam Tsapis who was killed while kite skiing in Harrison last week was the father of our exchange student, Kira Gould.

50/50 – Tally drew Curtis S's number but Curtis did not draw the King of Clubs.

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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