

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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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."

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

Welcome! Today is the 34th day of 2016. There are 332 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Bob Schott.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

2/3 – Fireside chat for Dennis Smith at 5:30 PM at his residence, 18 Kapote Dr., Norway

2/8 – February Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30PM – 6:30PM.

2/10 – Ron Morse and Lynne Schott

2/17 – February Food Baskets

2/17 – Dave Preble and Patty Rice

2/20 – World Understanding & Peace 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

Thought for the Week:

"Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder."

~E.B. White~

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Announcements:

President Chris – Reminder that the February board meeting has been moved to the 8th due to a conflict with the Mid-year Dinner.

Chris congratulated PP Dave Preble for spearheading an effort to improve our membership. With Dave in control, Chris said knows we will succeed. It is likely we will have a membership workshop on February 17 as that is Dave's week as program chair.



Chris also said he received correspondence from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club asking for help with their project in the Dominican Republic. Emma Bodwell from that club was to be our guest speaker two weeks ago but was not able to come due to the weather. She would like to reschedule so if anyone needs a guest speaker, please get in touch with her.

Ron – We will be doing the February Food Baskets after our meeting on February 17th. We need 10 people to make 5 teams of 2 to deliver 4 baskets each.

Last Week:

Our guest speaker was Ron Fournier, Conservation Education Coordinator, for the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center (Ronald.fournier@maine.edumaine.edu/bryantpond). Ron gave a brief overview of the camp, its history and programs before talking about a new program being offered, "Becoming an Outdoors Woman." Becoming an "Outdoors Woman" does not mean camping in the woods and working in a logging camp. Rather, the program offers a series of workshops – the Introductory Skills Weekend offers participants four sessions related to hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. Bow Mini Workshops are one day mini-workshops held at various locations in Maine and offer participants an introductory experience in two topics of their choice. Some of the workshops offered are ATV operation, firearms use, archery, kayaking, campfire cooking and so on. Lastly, there is a Winter Skills Weekend dealing with topics such as winter survival, snowshoeing, ice fishing, firearms and cooking wild game.

Ron's talk was very interesting and informational. I personally had no idea that there were so many programs offered.

 Happy Dollars  - Susan – had a great appointment with her oncologist and does not have to go back for 1 year. Kim – having a great time coaching swimming at Edward Little in Auburn. Bob – had the exchange student from Ghana on the ski slopes recently and she did an excellent job although she is still not fond of the cold. Bob was also happy that he found ski boots to fit his granddaughter.

50/50 – Tally drew Dan's number but alas, Dan didn't draw the King of Clubs and is still poor.

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

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

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

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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