

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

Thought for the Week: "You know what the issue is with this world? Everyone wants a magical solution to their problem and everyone refuses to believe in magic.

~Alice~

Welcome to our Special Evening Meeting for the Rotarian of the Year! Our greeter is Curtis Smith.

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.

2/18 – **Pat Cook** and **Bob Schott**

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**

3/13 – **Exchange Students Ski Weekend** and **George Rice**. Note this is a Friday not Wednesday.

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

3/18 – **John Griffith** and **Dave Preble**

3/25 – **Glenn Huntley** 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. Our guests were the February Students of the Month and their parents.

Interact News: Lynne reports that the Interact Club held their ice cream social on January 28th and felt that they developed some prospective members as a result. However, due to the weather and all of the

school cancellations that week, turnout was not as good as hoped. They are considering holding another social later in the year.

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.

Announcements:

In the absence of President Christina, Vice-president **Chris Summers** presided. Reading notes from his i-phone, Chris reminded us that our meeting this week is on Monday evening at Maurice's from 5:30 to 6:30 for the presentation of Rotarian of the Year. There will be a cash bar and "heavy" hors d' oeuvres. The cost is the same as our usual breakfast, \$8. There will be no charge for a spouse or guest.

We will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for senior citizens (55 or older) at the Progress Center on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th. 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 be advertising this in the newspaper.

Ron – we will be giving out food baskets on Wednesday, February 25th after our regular meeting. We will be purchasing the food from Hannaford again this year.

George – the World Understanding and Peace dinner is coming up in two weeks, Monday, February 23rd. If you would like to go, register on line on the District website. The cost is \$60 per person. George said that 2001-2002 past RI President Rick King is coming from California to speak and that he is a fabulous speaker.

President Christina – DG Furbish is asking everyone to complete the online survey on member satisfaction. He would like to see a higher rate of return on the survey than last year which was 22% of the district membership. The information from this survey is used at PETS to help incoming presidents set their goals. Secretary John has sent everyone an e-mail with the link but if you didn't receive it, please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/NEPETS_Survey

Last Week – We were joined by the February Students of the Month and Hillary Hendricks from the Education Exchange. After the presentation of the students, Ron Morse talked about why he is a Rotarian and about the things we do. Dan Allen talked about the 4-Way Test and Phil Libby talked about RYLA and the Exchange Student program.

9th grade – **Colbielyn Donovan** who was nominated by her English teacher.

“When a student spilled a drink on the floor, without being asked Colbie went to get paper towels and helped him clean up the spill. I wasn't surprised; that is just the kind of compassionate, helpful person Colbie is. Colbie has a genuine love of learning; she seems less concerned with being entertained, earning a grade or taking the easy path, than she is with acquiring knowledge and understanding how it matters in life. Recently she impressed when she told me that she “powered through” 8 hours of psychology videos in 2-3 days. She said after watching many science themed videos, she is now hooked on science and now loves learning about chemistry and other topics.”

10th grade – Karleigh Twitchell

“Karleigh is very positive about almost every assignment she is given and asks very thoughtful, genuine questions about what she is learning. She is honest when she makes a mistake and takes immediate responsibility for her actions. She is a positive, energetic member of our class and helps set a tone of genuine interest and integrity. Karleigh is incredibly enthusiastic about learning itself, rather than just being preoccupied with grades and points. When the sophomore career project was assigned, within 24 hours she had set up a job shadow for her dream job and was excited and energetic about the project from there on.”

11th grade – Heather Swain

“I could check every box; respect, honesty, moral courage, generosity, compassion and integrity. But, on the project we are working on this month, Heather has really displayed a professional level of responsibility. She has spearheaded a fundraising effort that raised over two thousand dollars in local sponsorship for our OHTS Tech Challenge. Heather routinely takes her work home with her when her peers are comfortable leaving it for the following class. She is an exemplary role model.”

12th grade – Jake McAllister

Jake is an all-around good person, he is a class leader and a role model. “Jake is a senior in a group of mostly sophomores and juniors. He is a natural leader in the class. Everyone looks up to him. He does what he is asked and is a model student. Jake is always helpful. He serves on an Advisory Committee as well and always has good input and questions to add.”

☺ **Happy Dollars** ☺ - **Dave** had a happy dollar for the students, a happy dollar for all of the snow we’ve had, a sad dollar for those who aren’t happy about all the snow and a happy dollar for the Patriots. **George** had a sad dollar for the passing of Bonnie Carvers’ mother. Son-in-law Jeff Carver is a former member of our club. In lieu of flowers, the Carvers have asked that donations in Bonnie’s mother’s name be sent to our club for us to use for Christmas for Teens. **Tally** thanked the club for their support in the recent passing of her husband, Lloyd. **Curtis S.** had a sad dollar for Bonnie Carvers’ mother. **Bob** had a happy dollar for the exchange students who went skiing with him on the 1st. The exchange teacher at OHCHS also went.

50/50 – Pat Cook drew Curtis Smith’s number but he didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$150 in the pot.

Birthdays in February: – Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/18; 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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