

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

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:** "A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it." ~Anon~

---

**Welcome!** Today is the 70th day of 2015. There are 295 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Mike Everett, President of the Western Maine Art Group who will be talking about upcoming events. George Rice is our greeter. If all goes according to plan, we will be inducting our newest member, Kim Preble.

**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](mailto: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.

- 3/12-3/14 – PETS, Sheraton, Framingham, MA. Have fun Chris!**
- 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**
- 3/30 – Board Meeting at 5:30 PM at TD Bank in Oxford.**
- 4/1 – April Students of the Month and Phil Libby**
- 4/8 – Glenn Huntley and Bob Kahn**
- 4/10 – Career Fair at OH Middle School. Please see Phil Libby if you would like to participate.**
- 4/15 – Larry Jordan and Irina Kahn**

**Don't forget that our meeting next week will be on FRIDAY, the 20<sup>th</sup>, with the exchange students. There is no Wednesday meeting.**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Dan Hart visited from the Bethel Club and Kim Preble was the guest of Dave Preble.

## Announcements:

Patty Rice - posters for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at the Progress Center for senior citizens are available. Please take some to post in your place of business or around town. As of Monday evening at the board meeting, we had 15 confirmed reservations. Also a sign-up sheet was sent around for the dinner. We will only need 4-6 Rotarians to help with serving and clean up but it would be nice to have a good showing of Rotarians.

Mary Lou – Read Across America was on Monday, March 2. Mary Lou, Bob and Tally participated. Everyone had a great time, even the kids!

Chris has tickets available for the Ray Brown Memorial Dance for Special Olympics if you would like to take some to sell. The Dance will be at Tuscany Hall as it was last year, from 8:00PM-11:00PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. Not only is there a challenge with Kiwanis on the number of tickets sold, but this year, there is a new challenge Chris hopes we will win – the number of Rotarian attendees vs. the number of Kiwanian attendees.

The District Assembly is coming up on Saturday, March 28, at York County Community College. This is Sheila Rollins' District Assembly and she has put together many programs and speakers.

Last Week's Program – We were joined by the March Students of the Month and their guests. Hilary Hendricks from the Education Exchange gave an introduction of the program and after the students were given their awards, PE Chris S. talked about Rotary and handed out the 4-Way Test coins. Please see the last page of the Reader for the student write-ups.

George and Patty Rice received perfect attendance awards, George for 21 years and Patty for 22 years. Congratulations!

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Mary Lou was happy for Read Across America and thanked Bob and Tally for reading to the kids. One of the kids in the class Mary Lou read to told her “you are old!” Susan was happy for the Students and for the work Hilary does with the program. She has also noticed a change in the weather and is looking forward to spring. Patty had a happy dollar for her granddaughter who was one of the students Mary Lou read to. Her granddaughter remarked that she knew Mary Lou from Rotary. Kim enjoyed visits from her 2 best friends recently. She also had a happy dollar for her birthday. Beth thanked Patty for buying her breakfast and Hilary for the students. Glenn is happy that his granddaughter and grandson are coming from Vancouver for a visit. Because there is rarely snow in Vancouver, they have been doing a snow dance so there will be snow here when they come. Glenn told them they could stop now. Ron mentioned our scholarships and RYLA for the students. Dan Hart thanked those who read to the kids at Rowe School and said it was always nice to visit OHRotary. Curtis C. was happy for the lady he and John delivered a food basket to. She was very appreciative as her husband had recently passed away. John had a happy dollar for his grandson, William, who just turned 4 months old but cut his two bottom teeth over the weekend and is rolling over like a pro.

50/50 – Susan drew Pat Cook's number and guess what? Pat drew the King of Clubs winning \$196.00. She said this was the first time she has won the pot. Congratulations, Pat!

Birthdays in March: – Val Weston – 3/11; Bob Kahn – 3/18; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Chris Weston – 3/25; Herb (Lois) Strauss – 3/17; Ann Maris (Stan) Brett – 3/31; Jack Sours – 3/28.

**Anniversaries in March:** – None this month.

**Membership Anniversaries in March:** – Dan Allen – 31 years – 3/7; Curtis Smith – 2 years – 3/20; Bob Schott – 19 years – 3/27.

### **Make-ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

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

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://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 GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

**Apologies to Frank S. for not having enough room in this week's Reader to put in the pictures he sent me. Next week, Frank.**

**Thanks to Grassroots Graphics for printing this edition of the Reader.**

### **Our March Students of the Month:**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade – Dominic Kugell**, who was nominated by his Phys. Ed. And geometry teachers.

“Dominic is always on time to class. He is respectful to his peers and his teachers. He works hard and is willing to ask questions when he needs clarification. He is a model student and an excellent role model for his classmates.”

“Dominic is a great listener and always follows directions, tries his best and plays fair!”

“Dominic always works hard during class. However, his work outside of class is impeccable. It is obvious that he works equally as hard outside of the classroom. A poster project he made for geometry class looks as though it was bought from a store. Another teacher commented on the poster, stating it is so professional she also thought it was store bought. Dominic is awesome!”

**10<sup>TH</sup> grade – Kelsey Riggott**, nominated by her English teacher.

“Kelsey struggles with reading sometimes but has completely tackled English 10 and the difficult literature that we have been working on. She is always smiling and approaching school and class with a positive attitude. She is honest about her work completion and is always willing to help others who don’t understand assignments for direction.”

“During our first literature unit of the year, Kelsey was provided with an abridged version of the novel that would be easier for her to access than the full text. Instead of simply reading the abridged text, Kelsey decided that to really understand the story, she would read both the abridged text and then the original.”

**11<sup>th</sup> grade – Sydney Bevins**, nominated by her drama teacher

“Sydney is a creative spirit and she is a kind and compassionate human. She tries to involve students and makes them feel comfortable in a group.”

“During our last drama performance, Sydney went out of her way to include another student who is quiet and shy. She engaged her in conversation and made her feel part of the whole group. She makes my heart happy!”

**12<sup>th</sup> grade – Nicole Paine**, nominated by our librarian at OHCHS.

“Nicole is an aide in the library, which she has done for the last 3 years. She never fails to come to the library with a big smile on her face and a positive attitude about the day. She consistently treats all students and staff with respect and kindness. She takes her job seriously and we trust her to do what she needs to do without prompting from us.”

“Day after day, I’ve witnessed Nicole’s positive attitude, whether it be about her grades (which are excellent), her interactions with others (always friendly), or her hopes for the future. I think she is a shining example of the kind of student we can be proud to have at OHCHS.”

Nicole told the club that she hopes to attend the University of Maine at Farmington and as a foster child, hopes to work with foster children in the future.

