

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, March 16, 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: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Welcome! Today is the 76th day of 2016. There are 290 days remaining in the year. Due to rescheduling because of a no school day, our guests are the March Students of the Month. Ron Morse is greeter.

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.

3/16 – St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon, Progress Center, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

3/19 – RLI, York County Community College, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

3/23 – Patty Rice and Glenn Huntley. Patty's guest speakers are Emma Bodwell and Cathy Sullivan from Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary.

3/26 – Interact New Generations Conference, Thornton Academy, Saco, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

3/30 – Evening Social Meeting at Maurice's and Susan Graves

4/2 – Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance

4/6 – April Students of the Month and Tally Decato

4/13 – George Rice and Pat Cook

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Our guests were Dennis Boyd, Christian Ricci and Dakota Waite from OHCHS and past club member Sawin Millett who was the guest of Dan Allen. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment – Dave talked about Rotary membership and the statistical importance of getting newer members involved in the club's activities.

Announcements:

President Chris:

Gave Patty Rice a sympathy card from the club expressing the club's sadness at the passing of her and Beth's dad the previous week.

Handed out the new batch of invitation cards to members.

Presented Dennis Boyd and the students a check for \$1,000.00 to help defray the cost of the chorale students' trip to perform at Carnegie Hall next month. Some of the students were unable to raise the entire cost of \$740.00 per student needed to fund the trip.

Circulated a sign-up sheet for the St. Patrick's Day dinner which is today!

Reminded everyone that RLI is coming up on March 19 in Lewiston and to speak to Chris Weston if you are interested in attending.

Handed out posters and tickets for the Ray Brown Special Olympics Dance on April 2nd. The dance will be at Tuscany Hall in conjunction with the Kiwanians. There were 190 tickets printed and hopefully all will be sold.

The March 30th evening meeting WILL NOT be our ROTY meeting. That will be held at a later date.

Regarding that March 30th meeting, any guest will be given a 50% discount for the meeting fee and a 100% discount if the same member brings two or more guests. Just let President Chris know for a head count.

Finally, Chris presented Kim Preble with a District 7780 award for Service Above Self from Governor Sheila Rollins.

Last Week – President Chris led the Pledge, Dennis Boyd led us in singing the “Star Spangled Banner” and Glenn led the invocation.

Our program was another membership assembly which was originally scheduled for today. However due to another commitment, Hillary Hendricks asked if the students could come on the 16th rather than the 9th after getting bumped from March 2nd.

Dave and Miranda led a discussion starting where we left off last month.

Why Stay? – topics included: 1) assigning projects that members want to attach themselves to, 2) creating passion for specific club projects, 3) being included in larger community level projects such as the club's involvement in the Bean-Hole Bean Festival 30 years ago. Under other suggestions: 1) public recognition by various media outlets, 2) specific focus on the Lobster & Steak Fest in August perhaps through a live television feed, 3) recognition of the 80/20 principal that 80% of the membership needs to be led and mentored by 20% of the leaders in order to feel fully valued and fully utilized, 4) individual print media spotlighting various long term members and how Rotary has become a part of their lives. There will be a continuation of this discussion at our meeting on April 20th.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Dennis** had a happy dollar for his consulting company which is off to a good start. He offered to forward any member a template for assessing one's own business continuation plan. Let him know your e-mail address. **Kim** was happy for both a recipient of non-profit internship award and that she is soon to be an aunt. **Miranda** was happy to have connected with the members of the Rangeley Rotary Club where her family has a second home and that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. **Patty** was sad for her dad's passing over the weekend but was happy to be able to utilize the services of Chris Weston and the Fortin group of funeral homes. **Deb H.** was happy to be with us. Life is busy with school in Bangor and she's been connecting with Bangor area Rotary Clubs for make-up opportunities. **Joel** and **Dave** both suggested that we add a little extra to the cups due to missing the last two meetings. In absentia, **John** is happy to be in Florida where it is currently 83° and sunny. He's also happy to have a working, non-leaking toilet which was just fixed.

50/50 – Joel drew the King of Clubs and split \$288 which he said would be wisely re-invested in Skyhook Manufacturing.

March Birthdays: Kim Preble – 3/6; Val Weston – 3/11; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Jack Sours – 3/23; Herb (Lois) Strauss – 3/27; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

March Wedding Anniversaries: There were none listed.

March Membership Anniversaries: Dan Allen – 32 yrs. – 3/7; Kim Preble – 1 yr. – 3/11; Bob Schott – 20 yrs. – 3/27

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

Thought for the Week

“I encourage my kids to make mistakes. The bigger the better. That's how you learn the most.”

~ Susan Sarandon~

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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