

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: Our thoughts this week are with the family of Neil Elder who passed away suddenly on March 11th. Neil was a long time Kiwanian, very active in our community and a dedicated SCORE volunteer.

Welcome! Today is the 79th day of 2015. There are 286 days remaining in the year. This morning, the exchange students are with us for their ski weekend. Dave Preble is our greeter.

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.

3/24 – Visioning Committee meeting at 4:30 at John Griffith's, 134 Pleasant St., Norway
3/25 – John Griffith and Ron Morse. Our guest speaker will be Norway Town Manager, David Holt.
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
4/22 – Irina Kahn and Larry Jordan

Hopefully, no one went to the church on Wednesday morning expecting to find us!

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

Announcements:

President Chris - We received a thank you card from Principal Dan Hart and several teachers at Rowe School for participating in Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America.

Reservations for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Progress Center are coming in. As of Friday, March 6th, there were 46 confirmed reservations. Ron told those who are helping to be at the Progress Center by 11:00 AM. Also, please park in the ice rink parking lot just up the street from the Progress Center.

Patty - told us that she had a nice conversation with Kathy Richardson about Jack's memorial. Kathy and her family are planning a reception after Jack's memorial in August. Patty asked if Rotary could help and offered one of our tents. Kathy was very pleased and thought it was a wonderful idea to involve the club as Jack loved Rotary so much.

Patty also reminded us that the District Assembly is coming up on Saturday, March 28, at York County Community College. The Assembly is specifically designed for incoming presidents and their officers.

Chris S. 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 on April 11th. 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.

Chris also passed around the sign-up sheet for back ground checks. It is a requirement that we do this. If you do not have a back ground check done, you cannot participate in any activities involving children, including May Day Play Day.

Our Newest Member— Kim Preble was inducted as our newest member, sponsored by her uncle, Dave Preble. Kim came to us from the Auburn Rotary where she was a member from 2012-2014. Kim is the new Executive Director of the Oxford Hills United Way. She currently lives in Auburn but plans to relocate to the Oxford Hills in the future. Kim has agreed to help us with our public relations and publicity. Welcome Kim!

Last Week's Guest Speaker

Tally introduced **Mike Everett, President of the Western Maine Art Group**. Mike joined the art group about 3 years ago and became president last year. Although he is from Auburn, he joined the art group here because there was nothing similar in Auburn or Lewiston. WMAG was founded in 1962 as a place where local artists could come together and display their work. They purchased the Arts Center building on Main St. in Norway in 1967. While the building is not used in winter, it has always been used as a gallery or had other artistic exhibits. This coming August, September and October they will have a series of exhibits based on different colors. They are also partnering with SAD 17 and in May will have the best of student art work. The group also offers a small scholarship to high school students furthering their education in the arts. In June, they will be partnering with the Norway Historical Society to exhibit some of their art work. The Downtown Arts Festival will be held July 10-12 with the street exhibit on the 11th.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Larry was happy to tell us that he had learned how to spell in sign language and how important it is to spell words correctly when trying to communicate with one of his co-workers, Thomas. Tally had a happy dollar for the artistic kids in school and the steps the Art Group is taking in getting them involved. John was happy that Bob brought back the rocking chair that he loaned to Interact for their Christmas Parade float. John explained that it was the rocking chair he was rocked in when he was a baby. Kim had a couple of dollars for United Way – their Shamrock Shuffle road race is coming up in Rumford. She also put in a happy dollar for the food pantry started at the Chamber Annual Dinner and how they have now collected over 200 pounds of food. Patty was happy that she was able to take her grand-

daughter to the Kiwanis Club's Dr. Seuss breakfast. Great job, great breakfast and excited kids. Patty also had a welcome dollar for Kim. Glenn was happy that his grandchildren are here and he has been able to take them ice fishing, snowmobiling and X country skiing. They are also anxiously awaiting to see if we get a snow storm as it rarely snows in Vancouver – which it looks like we are.

50/50 – Joe drew John's ticket but John drew the 9 of Spades. Of course, it was a new deck.

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

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 GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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

Frank Shorey was very happy to have found his long lost brother, Raymond, down in Florida. He sent me a picture which is on the last page of the Reader. I'm sure you'll agree with Frank that the resemblance is uncanny.

