

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: We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Bob Bizier and his family on the passing of his wife, Barbara. I believe we will have cards circulating this morning for Bob and the family of Neil Elder who I mentioned in last week's Reader.

Welcome! Today is the 84th day of 2015. There are 281 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Dave Holt, Norway Town Manager. Ron Morse is 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.

3/28 – 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. Glenn's guest speaker will be Terry Swett who will be talking about the South Paris economic development plan.

4/9 – Membership Committee Meeting at TD Bank, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

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

4/23 – Membership Committee Meeting at TD Bank, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

4/29 – Robert Kahn and Glenn Huntley

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There no visiting Rotarians last week. The Exchange students and Interactors were our guests for their ski weekend - Tyler Bumpus, Brandon Smith, Brianna Smith, Luiza Rubio, Cesar Diaz, Jette Vogel, Cecilia Garbin. Matthew Schott also joined the group.

Announcements:

AG Beth Abbott presided in the absence of President Christina – We have 10 people signed up for the District Assembly this coming Saturday, March 28 at York County Community College. It is probably not too late for you to sign up if you want to join us.

The Bethel Rotary Club is having their wine tasting event on Saturday, the 28th from 6:00 PM-8:00PM at Bethel Inn. They will also be having their Bountiful Breakfast on Sunday, the 29th from 7:00AM to 11:00 AM at Gould Academy.

Patty – It would really be a big help to the Progress Center if a couple of members could help them with serving and cleaning up at their Thursday evening community suppers. Duties would be similar to what we did at our St. Patrick's Day dinner for seniors – which was really a lot of fun. Patty will have more info today.

Ron – our St. Patrick's Day dinner for seniors was a huge success. We served 125 dinners including the 10 or so of us who worked there. The meal was excellent and was very well received with many compliments as people left. We all saw a lot of people we knew and it was just plain fun. It was suggested that next year we have green punch and that we use heavier plates as all the juice from the dinner made short work of the paper plates.

Chris S. – the “Keep it or Lose it” committee is on hiatus for the time being. Instead of looking at our projects, President Christina would like to focus on membership for the remainder of her year. With that in mind, she has scheduled two meetings to discuss new ways to attract and retain new members. These meetings will be at TD Bank from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM on April 9th and April 23rd.

Last Week:

Last week was our annual Exchange Student & Interact Club ski weekend meeting. With us was Luiza Rubio from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Cesar Diaz from the Dominican Republic, Jette Vogel from Germany and Cecilia Garbin from Rome, Italy. Interactors present were Tyler Bumpus, Brandon Smith and Brianna Smith. Matthew Schott talked about his experience at RYLA. Each of the students told us about their home country and what they found unique about the United States. Everyone seemed to like the snow but most said enough is enough. Jette from Germany said their summer weather was much like here and she thought their winters were cold, but she said she now knows what cold weather really is. Another common theme was how approachable they found Americans. It is much easier to start a conversation here than in their home countries. Cecilia from Italy said she liked to cook and that everyone should come to Italy for the food. She said our recipes for Italian food were almost the same as in Italy but the ingredients are just a little off – for example, what we call Mozzarella cheese is much different than true Mozzarella cheese from Italy. All in all, it was a great meeting and a lot of fun.

Bob did his best but without Dan Allen to lead us, we massacred singing “YMCA”. Everyone laughed more than they sang.

☺ Happy Dollars ☺ - Lynne had a happy \$20 to be with us as her school schedule makes it difficult to make Wednesday meetings. John had a sad dollar for his cousins in Prince Edward Island where they have had almost 15 feet of snow since February 1. He also said he had a note from Paul Thornfeldt. Paul and Dawne are leaving for home on April 1 but are taking their time and will plan their arrival in Maine on the snow melt and mud. Ron had an appreciation dollar for Bob and Lynne for all they do for the kids.

Kim had a happy dollar for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and another one for the start of soft ball season on March 28 as she coaches a girl's team in Auburn. **Beth** was happy for the dinner on Tuesday and for meeting Larry's co-worker, Tom, who we have heard so much about. She also enjoyed PETS and was very happy to have her picture taken with incoming RI president, Ravi, the 7th RI president she has had the opportunity to be photographed with. **Irina** was happy for the students, spring coming and our youth leaders. **Glen** had a happy dollar for his grandchildren's visit but was sad that they have now left for home in Vancouver, BC.

50/50 – Val drew her own ticket but didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$22 in the pot.

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?**

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