

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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."

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### 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**

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**Thought for the week:** "Live long and prosper." You will be missed, Mr. Spock.

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**Welcome!** Today is the 63rd day of 2015. There are 302 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the Students of the Month and their guests with us. Patty Rice 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](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.

**3/11 – Tally Decato and George Rice.** Tally's guest speaker is Mike Everett, President of the Western Maine Art Group. He will be talking about upcoming events sponsored by the Group.

**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**

**3/20 – 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**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Kim Preble was the guest of Dave Preble.

### **Announcements:**

**Patty Rice** showed us some flyers printed for the **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** at the Progress Center for senior citizens (55 and older). We will be placing advertisements in the paper as well as placing posters in local businesses. The lunch (dinner, really) is by reservation only to the first 100 people that call TD Bank for a reservation. We will only need 4-6 Rotarians to help out but as Patty said, "many hands make light work" and we need a good showing of club members to support this project.

**Phil Libby** told us that the Career Fair at Oxford Hills Middle School is coming up on Friday, April 10. He will have a sign-up sheet to pass around today. The time is 8:00AM – 10:30AM and you will need to do five (5) twenty minute programs.

**Mary Lou** – Read Across America is on Monday, March 2, which is before you will see this. The time is 9:30 to 11:00. Hopefully, some of us were able to participate.

**Dave Preble** told us that PDG Bob Patten passed away last week. Our sympathies to his wife and family. Please sign the card circulating this morning.

**Chris Summers** asked if there was any interest in the Club having a memorial for Jack Richardson since he did not have any services. He was thinking of a Tuesday evening in a week or two. Please speak to Chris if this is something you would like to do.

Chris also said that the tickets and posters for the **Ray Brown Memorial Dance for Special Olympics** will be ready this week. 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.

**Dan Allen** – there will be a **Fireside Chat** for **Kim Preble** on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00PM at Tim Horton's in Norway. Dan let me know over the weekend that he will not be able to make the Chat. He e-mailed me the new member packet which I will print off and have for Kim. Please come and help me talk to Kim about our club.

**February Food Baskets** were delivered after our meeting last week. We had 5 teams of 2 which gave each team 4 baskets to deliver. Ron and Laura Morse, Curtis C., Chris S. and Beth met at Hannaford the prior Tuesday afternoon to put the baskets together. Ron reports that Hannaford was also very helpful in getting everything together for us. Val & Chris Weston, Dave Preble, George Rice, Dan Allen, Larry Jordan, Curtis Cole, John Griffith and Stan Brett made up the delivery teams. Curtis and I had 4 deliveries in West Paris. Thanks to a Garmin and Curtis's knowledge of the area, we managed to find everyone. I saw some West Paris back country that I had didn't know existed.

**The World Understanding and Peace Dinner** was on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. George, Patty, Beth, John, Chris and Val Weston, Ron and Laura Morse, Bob and Lynne Schott and Dan Allen attended. There were 160 Rotarians in attendance. The speaker was past RI President, Rick King from California. He was a very dynamic and engaging speaker who has done more for Rotary in his life time than almost anyone else. Kudos to George as chair of the event for DG Furbish and to Patty and Beth for helping as well. Simply Awesome Event!

**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** – Our guest speaker was Chris Davis, Project Co-ordinator from Healthy Oxford Hills. Chris started off by complimenting us for all that we do in the community. Healthy Oxford Hills is funded by Healthy Maine from the tobacco settlement money. Chris talked about some of the programs offered by Healthy Oxford Hills – mental health, food, including nutrition, healthy food shopping and cooking; substance abuse and the after school mentoring program, the Discovery Project. The Discovery Project pairs 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with mentors who will start meeting in March to

discuss jobs, the skills needed and to help the kids discover things about themselves. The meetings will be on Wednesdays until the end of the school year and she has 5 mentors signed up so far.

☺ **Happy Dollars** ☺ - **Kim** was in the Alexandria/Washington area last week for training. She did manage to find some free time to visit Arlington Cemetery and watch the changing of the guard. Kim said if you have not seen this, you must at some point in your life. **Glenn** was happy for being with us this week as after he shoveled his roof, he used (successfully) his chain saw to break a large ice dam with no damage to himself or the roof. **Susan** had a happy dollar for guest speaker Chris and Healthy Oxford Hills. **Bob** had a sad dollar for finding out that he could not donate bone marrow because people over 55 are considered too old to do so. In his quest to get everyone on skis, he reminded us that many ski areas have free skiing for seniors and that he did meet three 80+ year olds skiing at Shawnee.

**50/50** – Irina drew Chris S. number but Chris didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot continues to roll over.

**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

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