

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: Why does a chicken coop only have two doors? Because if it had four doors, it would be a chicken sedan.

Welcome! Today is the 91st day of 2015. There are 274 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the April Students of the Month and their guests with us. Phil Libby 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.

4/8 – Glenn Huntley and Bob Kahn. Glenn's guest speaker will be Terry Swett who will be talking about the South Paris revitalization 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.

4/11 – Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance at Tuscany Hall, South Paris.

4/11 – Bowl-for-Kids Sake at Hobbs Lucky Lanes, South Paris.

4/15 – Larry Jordan and Irina Kahn

4/16 – District Visioning meeting, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, South Portland Housing Authority, Waterman Drive, South Portland. Social around the corner at Snow Squall Restaurant on Ocean St. from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM.

4/22 – Irina Kahn and Larry Jordan

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

4/28 – Visioning Committee Meeting 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Tally Decato's, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris.

4/29 – Robert Kahn and Glenn Huntley

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

Announcements:

PE Chris Summers presided in the absence of President Christina – Chris asked for four volunteers to greet and host the students of the month today and he also reminded everyone about the board meeting on the 30th which, of course, was two days ago.

There is a District Visioning meeting coming on Thursday, April 16. It is recommended for President-elects and any club visioning committee members. There will be a social hour from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM at the Snow Squall Restaurant, Ocean St., South Portland with the Visioning meeting held at the South Portland Housing Authority around the corner on Waterman Drive from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be a light supper served (last time it was pizza).

Tally and John – the Visioning committee met on Tuesday the 24th to discuss goals and objectives for the coming year. To that end, the committee would like to have two club assemblies – one in April and another in May – for the various committees to meet and formulate plans for our upcoming events. We are looking at the 15th or 22nd for the one in April.

Patty – the Progress Center is looking for help from us to assist with their weekly community dinners, likely the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Speak to Patty if you are interested in helping.

The Memorial for Jack Richardson will be on Saturday, August 8th at the Richardson home on Paris Hill. We will be setting a tent and helping Kathy Richardson put it together. Kathy says that all Rotarians and friends are welcome. More details will be coming later.

Bob - the ski weekend went very well and everyone had a great time. No one needed an ambulance which was good. Bob thanked Anne Carter for helping to make it a success.

Frank Shorey – Frank let me know this week that after 50+ years of marriage, Connie has run away with his long lost twin brother, Raymond. Said Connie, “I just like Raymond better.” There is a picture of the happy couple on the back page of the Reader. Frank’s sorrow has been mitigated somewhat by his appointment as 3rd assistant to the AVP of Operations for the Boston Red Sox. Frank exclaimed “The Rays are history! Now maybe Dave Preble will like me!”

Glenn Huntley announced that has gone to court to have his name legally changed to Glenn Ford. He said that he always wanted more name recognition and thought changing his name to Ford would give him a distinct advantage in his profession.

Bob and Lynne Schott announced their retirement this week as they work together to fulfil Bob’s life-long dream of becoming Santa Claus which, of course, means that Lynne will become Mrs. Claus. Bob plans to move Santa’s workshop to the South Pole where the terrain is more mountainous and he can ski year round.

Dan Allen – has decided to give up the construction business and become the “Singing Barber of Rockland”. He plans to open a booth in his wife’s shop. Dan said “If I can do for hair what I do for kitchens, I’ll be golden.”

Last Week’s Program:

Our guest speaker was Norway town manager, Dave Holt. Dave always has something amusing and interesting to say about managing a Maine town. One interesting fact that he told us was that Maine has more town managers per capita than any other place in the world. He talked about how town managers

and their rolls have changed through the years from the 50's to the current generation. He also said that he has written a 75 page book about his experiences as a manager and has sent it to a small publishing company in Unity that specializes in Maine authors. He related that he had not had a response from this company, so he recently called. The person who answered the phone, Betty, I believe, said that she had not had a chance to read the book yet because her primary job was preparing income tax returns. Since this is tax season, she told Dave she would get to his book some time after April 15th so he is hopeful that it will be published.

☺ Happy Dollars ☺ - **Lynne** had some happy dollars for the snow and the ski weekend. She also relayed a story about a 1971 ski photo from UMF. **Pat** had a thrilled dollar for Oxford County for improving from 16th place among Maine counties to 7th in the most recent health report. **Kim** was happy for the Shamrock 5K race in Rumford on the 21st. Unfortunately, only about 1/3 of the runners who entered the race showed up due to the 10° temps and below 0° wind chill. **Susan** was happy to report that her son and his family are moving from Vancouver, BC to Fredericton, NB. So instead of a 15 hour flight day, they will be 4 ½ hours away by car. **Tally** had a happy dollar for her son who has found a job at an airport in Maine managing planes. **Bob** said that he aims for 50/50 – 50 days on the river and 50 days of skiing each year. This year, he is at 39 days of skiing so far.

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

Birthdays in April – Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26.

Anniversaries in March: – None this month.

Membership Anniversaries in March: – None this month

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

Please excuse me for taking some liberties with the 4-Way Test. It is April 1st after all.

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