

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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."

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### 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**

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**Welcome!** Today is the 104th day of 2016. There are 262 days remaining in the year. This morning is a membership assembly. Pat Cook is our greeter if she is back from Florida.

**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](mailto: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.

4/14 – United Way Dining-to-Donate at Applebee's

4/20 – Lynne Schott and Curtis Cole

4/27 – Bob Schott and Mary Lou Burns

**5/2 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 PM**

5/4 – May Students of the Month and Anderson-Staples Post members

5/11 – Dennis Smith and Dan Allen

**5/14 – May Day Play Day, OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

5/18 – Membership Assembly and Beth Abbott

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** From the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting at Maurice's, visiting Rotarians were DG Sheila Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region and Kevin Finley, President of the Bethel Club. Guests were Ann Marie Brett, Bruce Cook, Laura Morse, Sharon Huntley and Becky Preble. From last week, there were no visiting Rotarians. Guests were Hilary Hendricks from the Oxford Hills Community Education Exchange and the Students of the Month and their parents.

### Announcements:

**President Chris:** We raised \$881.00 from the Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kiwanis sold a few more tickets and raised \$1,000.00. There were 8 Rotarians and 8 Kiwanians present so the attendance competition was a tie.

At the Board meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the board voted to release \$1,000.00 to Polio Plus as soon as Pat returns from Florida.

There is now a hard copy document available outlining the club's various activities, sponsorships and charitable recipients.

There were 5 members in attendance at the District Assembly on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – George and Patty Rice, AG Beth Abbott, Chris Weston and Chris Summers.

There will be a work day scheduled later in the spring to replace the Norway Lake Rd. Rotary and Kiwanis road sign.

Joel Speakman – We will begin the grant application process for the African water project soon. It will be a \$30,000.00 project involving a solar powered well and pumping system.

Last Week – President Chris led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in song and Glen Huntley gave the blessing. We did not have a greeter so there was no Rotary moment.

President Chris introduced Hilary Hendricks and thanked everyone for coming. Hilary then briefly explained the program and that there were only two of the four students and their families present. The other two were at baseball training camps out of state but that they would be invited to be with us at our May meeting.

Freshman Denali Barker was introduced by Dave Preble. Denali introduced her parents, Sharon and Nick Barker.

Junior Alex Thompson was introduced by PE Joel Speakman. Alex introduced his parents, Stacey Thompson and Ken Audet.

Dan Allen then talked about the 4-Way Test and gave an explanation of what Rotary accomplishes in the arena of public service. He was joined by Dave Preble, Dennis Smith and Bob Schott, all mentioning the various reasons why they joined Rotary and why they stay as members. Bob also mentioned RYLA and encouraged Denali to consider the program next year for leadership training. Dan then conferred the 4WT coins to the two students present.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Glen had a happy dollar for the Barkers and their daughter, Denali: that they were strong supporters of Norway-Paris Fish & Game and of outdoor sports in general. Bob had multiple happy dollars. He had a call from a solar customer recently saying they had generated over 38 kilowatts of energy in one day (the average usage per household is 16 kilowatts per day); that in 5 days he would be going in the hospital for knee replacement surgery on his left knee and that he had one day left to ski on Saturday before his surgery. Dave had a happy dollar for niece Kim who had successful knee surgery last week and that Kim was hopeful to be at our meeting next week (which is this week). Dennis had a happy dollar for his granddaughter in Wisconsin who has recently been named a champion 8 year old skater. John will put in another IOU happy dollar, this time for his son, Daniel, whose last day at Hannaford will be April 9. He starts a new career with the US Postal Service in Auburn on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

50/50 – Dave’s number came up but he drew the Queen of Clubs – close but no cigar!

Thought for the week:

“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”

~ Thomas Jefferson~

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

There were no April wedding anniversaries or membership anniversaries listed.

**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)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, 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 A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School



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