

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, April 15, 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."

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 of the Week: No one really wants to know what I am thinking this week, do they?

<u>Welcome!</u> Today is the 105th day of 2015. There are 260 days remaining in the year. Larry Jordan is program chair this morning and Bob Schott is substituting as greeter for Irina Kahn.

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.

4/16 – 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

4/18 - Bowl-for-Kids Sake for Big Brothers - Big Sisters at Hobbs Lucky Lanes, South Paris.

4/18 – Memorial Service for PDG Bob Patten at 1st Congregational Church, Meeting House Hill, Cottage Rd., South Portland.

4/22 - Club Assembly and Larry Jordan

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

4/24-4/26 - District Conference at Wentworth by the Sea

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

5/6 – May Students of the Month and John Griffith

5/13 - Phil Libby and Susan Graves

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

Announcements:

<u>President Chris</u> — We need to send two members to the District Grant Seminars in order to write a grant for the 2015-2016 year. If this is something you would like to do, please see President Chris for dates and information.

There is a <u>District Visioning meeting</u> 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).

<u>Susan Graves</u> – This year, Relay for Life will be on June 20th from noon until mid-night at the Oxford County Fairgrounds. We will be setting two tents, the bounce house and they are asking for our help to set up tables and chairs. There is a sign-up sheet circulating.

<u>Patty Rice</u> – Patty has a sign-up sheet for the Progress Center Dinner. We will be helping on the 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6:00. There are volunteers for the dinner on April 16th but no one has yet signed up for May 21st. If you are available and can help, please see Patty.

<u>Dan Allen</u> — Our district is embarking on a 2 year literacy project starting at the District Conference. We are looking for gently used or new books for members to bring to the conference. The books will be divided among the clubs in the district and a box of books will come back to us to get out to the community. The goal is to keep the box full for 2 years.

Last Week's Program:

<u>President Christina</u> presented Treasurer Pat Cook with her PHF+4 pin and Sgt. At Arms Stan Brett with his PHF+1 pin. Congratulations to Pat and Stan!

Glenn Huntley introduced our guest speaker, Terry Sweat, from the South Paris Revitalization Committee. Terry revitalized and owns the old Paris fire station where she operates her business. The town needs a plan before it can apply for grants which is what Terry has been working on. Some of the things on the agenda that the committee would like to tackle are: 1) improving the nature trail from in back of the 1st Congregational Church all the way to OHCHS, 2) developing the old Paris Utility District property along the river north of the dam in South Paris to include trails, picnic areas and a boat ramp, 3) the Fox school building and property, 4) encouraging more businesses to come to Market Square and possibly changing the traffic pattern, 5) developing a senior center with activities to draw senior citizens.

<u>50/50</u> – Pat drew John's number but John did not draw the King of Clubs. Perhaps that was an omen of things to come.

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

Anniversaries in April: - None this month.

Membership Anniversaries in April: – 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

The Four Way Test:

Is it the Truth?
 Is it Fair to all concerned?
 Will it build Good Will and better Friendships?
 Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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