

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills  
P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268  
Rotary Theme for 2011-2012:

*"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"*

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

2011-2012 Officers and Directors: Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee - Governor District 7780 Gary Speers - Oxford Hills President Beth Abbott - President-Elect Robert Schott - Vice-President Dave Preble - Secretary Jack Richardson - Treasurer Pat Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Joelle Corey-Whitman. Directors - Foundation chair - Larry Jordan, Membership chair - Dan Allen, Publicity chair - Steve Galvin, and Community and Club Service chair - Rob Armstrong.

Club website - [www.oxfordhill Rotary.org](http://www.oxfordhill Rotary.org) - District website - [www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org).

*Congratulations to Our New  
Rotarian of the Year*

*Mary Lou Burns*

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## CALENDAR

**Today's program chair is Curtis Cole and his speaker is Supt. Rick Colpitts on the SAD 17 School Budget.**

**Our Greeter is Phil Libby.**

*Please let Paul Thornfeldt know who you have for a speaker so it can be published in upcoming issues.*

### Program Chairs and Greeters

**April 25** - Pat Cook - Bob Kahn

**May 2** - Students -Irina Kahn

**May 9** - Assembly -Larry Jordan.

Membership Session with District co-chairs  
George and Patty Rice.

**May 16** - Tally Decato - Glenn Huntley

**May 23** - Rebecca Dowse - John Griffith

**May 30** - Top 5% of the 2012 Class - Susan  
Graves

**June 6** - Assembly- Steve Galvin

**June 13** - Steve Galvin - Rebecca Dowse

**June 20** - Susan Graves - Tally Decato

**June 27** - Changeover Breakfast - Pat Cook

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**4/20-5/20/12** - Inbound GSE Team from Germany.

**5/5/12 - 5/9/12** - Rotary International Convention,  
Bangkok, Thailand.

**May 19** - May Day Play Day at the High School.  
**5/18/12 - 5/20/12** - District 7780 Conference  
Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.

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*6/5/12 - Annual Dinner at Papoose Pond  
Camping Resort. We will need at least 50  
people attending. Cocktails and formal dinner  
to follow.*

## Last Week . . .

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in song and Glen led us in prayer. We also sang Happy Birthday to PDG George Rice. Visiting guest was Carson Armstrong son of Rob.

Our speaker had to bail due to car trouble, but we had an exciting meeting because we were able to name and honor our Rotarian of the Year, Mary Lou Burns. Mary Lou has be instrumental in our club for 20 years or so and is the chair person for the Dictionary Project. "Lightning Lou" has also be involved in just about all other club activities one time or another. A well deserve award for a wonderful Rotarian. *Congratulations Mary Lou!!!!*

Rebecca reminded us that MayDay Playday is scheduled for May 19th at the high school in conjunction with the Kiwanis bicycle inspection and rodeo. The hours are 9 AM to 1 PM and everyone is asked to help out in one way or the other.

President-elect Bob told us the dance for the Special Olympics did not loose money. PDG George Rice won

\$141.00 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the cause. THANKS, George!!!

The club's Scholarship Raffle tickets are being handed out. Last update shows that only 25 tickets are sold to date. We need to sell at least 60 to pay for the prizes. All monies after that goes to the scholarship fund. If we all sell just 4 tickets we will reach our goal. We will have ten weekly prizes of \$100., a grand prize of \$1000, a second prize of \$500 and four third prizes of \$125 each. The scholarship committee is or will be meeting to determine who the recipients will be. President Beth will be awarding the scholarships at awards night.

Foundation chair Larry Jordan reminded us that we are getting close to the end of the fiscal year and we should all strive to reach our goal of \$100. per year per Rotarian to become a sustaining member. Larry has figures to see where each of us stand.

Carson Armstrong drew is dad's ticket and dad drew two blue balls. The pot is not over \$175.00.

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**Our club is always collecting crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment for the district to be shipped to the needy in other countries. Rob Armstrong has generously donated space to store the medical equipment.**

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### Happy Dollars

**Dave P** was not happy to tell us it took him \$98.00 to fill up his vehicle. But, he still had \$2.00 left for the foundation cup.

**Patty** said it was fitting that Mary Lou got the Rotarian of the Year award. The waitress at Maurice's asked Patty about the Dictionary Project for the Boxberry School.

**Tally** told us that when she was Mary Lou's secretary, Mary Lou convinced her to get her degree and she has been forever thankful for the advice.

**Glen** told us the story how he met his current wife, Sharon, sold her a car and then stalked her until she finally broke down and married him. Last Saturday was the 25th anniversary of their first date (*and, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.*)

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### April Birthday's

- April 3 - David Carter
- April 7 - Joel Speakman
- April 12 - George Rice
- April 18 - Kathy Richardson
- April 20 - Tally Decato
- April 24 - Beth Abbott
- April 26 - Michael Abbott
- April 30 - Jack Richardson

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### Making up at Neighboring Clubs

**Interact Club** meets in Room B-112 at 2:30 PM on Thursdays.

**Bethel** - Tuesdays 7:30 AM - The Bethel Inn  
**Bridgton-Lake Region**

Thursdays 7:15 AM Bridgton Alliance Church  
Harrison Road, Bridgton

#### **Fryeburg Area**

Tuesdays 7:30 AM

St. Eliz-Ann Seton Cath. Ch., Rt. 5

#### **Rumford**

Tuesdays 7:30 am Hope Assoc.

85 Lincoln St. Rumford

You can always find a club to make up at on the District 7780 website.

<http://www.rotary7780.org>

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### The Four Way Test

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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I've learned that a strong code of ethics is as reliable as a compass. -- Age 43

I've learned that I don't feel my age as long as I focus on my dreams instead of my regrets. -- Age 83

I've learned that deciding who you will marry is the most important decision you'll ever make. -- Age 95