

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

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 111th day of 2016. There are 255 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair and Curtis Cole is greeter.

**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.

**4/27 – 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:** Visiting Rotarians were DGE Dave Underhill from Portsmouth and his wife, Linda. Aaron Ouellette from Daddy O's was the guest of Ron Morse.

**Proposed Member:** Aaron Ouellette, owner of Daddy O's Restaurant in Oxford has been proposed as a new member. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

### Announcements:

**President Chris:** Not having hard copies of the Reader has put many members including our president in the dark so John will be asked to e-mail a copy to Grass Roots and Chris will endeavor to pick them up or will ask someone else to do so in his stead so members who rely solely on the paper copy will

**know what is going on.** (Ed. Note: The Reader has been e-mailed to Grass Roots every week for printing since I have been away with the exception being the April 6<sup>th</sup> Reader as there were no notes from the March 30<sup>th</sup> social. Karin from Grassroots e-mailed me on the 11<sup>th</sup> to say that no one has been in to pick up any printed copies since I left).

As such and because he didn't see last week's Reader to remind him, Chris again announced that the club raised \$881 from the Ray Brown Memorial Dance on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kiwanis sold a few more tickets and raised \$1000. There were 8 Rotarians and 8 Kiwanians in attendance so the attendance competition was a tie. He added that an additional trophy would be made to give both clubs recognition this year.

Dates for the following events were announced: The Auction will be July 9<sup>th</sup> and the Lobster & Steak Fest will be August 20<sup>th</sup>. Paul Thornfeldt will hopefully be the contact person "for all things auction" in 2016, but that Chris has not talked to Paul to confirm.

Next week's meeting will be a continuation of our discussions on increasing and maintaining membership.

**Dave** – The Western Maine Addiction Task Force is planning a fundraiser on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Daddy-O's in Oxford from 5:00PM – 7:00PM. Recent news of a drug bust in Paris as well as two recent deaths in the area due to overdose just this past week are putting the problem to the forefront in people's minds. Aaron confirmed the fundraiser and said they host two fundraisers at his restaurant for the community in general. Last year, these events raised over \$18,000.

**Ron** – the Rotarian of the Year dinner will be held in May, specific date to be determined as soon as he could talk with John. The event will be held at Daddy O's this year.

**Miranda** – will be inviting Ann Sheehan to attend our meeting. Ann writes for the Advertiser-Democrat membership if she is interested.

**Last Week** – George Rice reviewed the membership proposal process, handing out the "How to Propose a Member" booklet. He said to remember to talk to the candidate before proposing him/her to make sure they are interested. He said there was an information brochure to give the prospect in event they were interested and then said to follow the directions in the booklet. All should go well.

**Happy Dollars 😊** - **Lynne** said that Bob is doing well. However, having him at the family camp in Monmouth is creating logistical issues. Mail cards to him at their 42 Orchard St. address in Norway or call him at 207-557-4150 any time. **Glenn** had a happy dollar for our mother club, Bethel and is thankful that the idea for the lobster feed came about during a picnic 30 years ago at his home on Merrill Hill Rd. in Hebron. The club had a fellowship cookout with lobster on the menu when PP Dick Decato came up with the idea of a festival fundraiser at that time. **Tally** wanted us to know that Al Barth is struggling with health issues and has been in and out of the hospital. Send card to his home in Topsham. **Patty** said the Fryeburg Club is toying with the idea of starting their own lobster feed fundraiser and may contact us for guidance. **Dave** told us that Kim is doing well but still can't drive yet which makes it difficult for her to get around.

**50/50** – Dave's number came up again this week, but he still didn't draw the King of Clubs. Perhaps the 3<sup>rd</sup> time will be the charm!

***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, roup7:15 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

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**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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