

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 25, 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.oxfordhillsrotary.org - District website - www.rotary7780.org.

CALENDAR

Today’s program chair is Pat Cook.

Our Greeter is Bob Kahn.

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

Program Chairs and Greeters

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
Harraseket 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 returning member Frank “Rays” Shorey in song and Glen led us in prayer. Visiting guest was Carson Armstrong son of Rob.

Our guest speaker was Superintendent of Schools, Rick Colpitts. The latest school budget was presented to us and reviewed. The problem is that the state of Maine is not funding the districts adequately, but require the district to spend a certain amount of money to keep the schools going. Not funding properly causes the district to lose federal and state funds which have to come from local property taxes. A real catch 22 situation. On the positive side, the district has a huge endowment fund and awards about a half million dollars in scholarships each year. Also, about 60 seniors are in the process of doing college level work at the school at this time.

Rebecca and Tally 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, and, be sure to wear your rotary shirts.

Everyone is asked to take and sell at minimum 4 Scholarship Raffle tickets. This would allow us to sell all 125 tickets with half the proceeds going to the upcoming graduating class in the form of \$725. scholarships. 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 stands in our giving.

Carson Armstrong drew is Tally's ticket and she drew two blue balls. The pot is now over \$178.00.

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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

Frank was fined for wearing a Tampa Bay Rays shirt. But, he was happy to be back and he told us the club in Florida does not allow him to sing. He also thanked us for the weekly newsletter and congratulated Mary Lou on being named rotarian of the year.

Tally is happy that we are stepping up to help out with May Day Play Day.

Rob was happy for the great weather we've had and for welcoming his son Carson to the meetings.

Larry was happy that he isn't in Rick Colpitts position in dealing with the school budgets, etc. He also told us that the Progress Center budget also got cut in mid-year.

Bob Schott told us how he walks every morning and that the buses should drop the students off a mile from the school so they can get their exercise in addition to gym class.

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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

- Rotarians Honored at White House

Ten U.S. Rotarians were honored on 20 April by the White House as Champions of Change for their volunteer work locally and internationally.

At the first ever Rotary Day at the White House, more than 160 Rotarians attended a morning round of community leaders briefing series. White House administration experts spoke on topics including maternal and child health, disease prevention, economic development, youth and education, water and sanitation, and peace-building.

Rotary Day coincides with the U.S. presidential proclamation of [National Volunteer Week](#), which is 15-21 April. Each of the Champions of Change will receive a copy of the president's proclamation. In the U.S., you also can find out more about serving through volunteering at www.serve.gov.

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 makeup 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 is fair to all concerned?
 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
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