

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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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."

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

Welcome! Today is the 118th day of 2016. There are 248 days remaining in the year. Paul Thornfeldt is taking over as program chair for Bob Schott who is still recovering from his knee surgery. Paul will be leading a discussion about the 2016 Rotary Auction. Mary Lou Burns is greeter this week.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

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

5/25 – Rotarian of the Year Dinner at Daddy-O's in Oxford, 5:30 PM. No morning meeting.

6/1 – Top Students and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Dan Hart from the Bethel Club was our only visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

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

Rotary Moment – Greeter Curtis informed the club that he had juggled his summer schedule a few weeks ago in order to be able to attend this year's Lobster & Steak Fest for the first time in many years, but then learned last week that he would be in California for a grandson's baptism during the auction. (Ed. Sometimes life just throws you a curve ball once in a while, doesn't it?).

Announcements:

President Chris: Thank you to Val and Paul for helping out at the Progress Center Community supper on April 21st.

Career Day at the Oxford Hills Middle School has been postponed until Thursday, May 12th.

We will be replacing the Rotary – Kiwanis road sign on the Lake Rd. on Saturday, April 30th. Meet at the Lake Store at 8:30 AM. (Someone will have to stop at John's house on the way and get the sign from his garage).

Paul – will put together an auction meeting schedule to hand out at next week's meeting.

Ron – the Rotarian of the Year dinner will be held the evening of May 25th at Daddy-O's in Oxford. There will be no morning meeting that week.

We have received 17 or 18 scholarship applications for consideration to date.

Susan – would like Rotary to sponsor a Relay for Life Team this year. The Relay will be on June 18th.

Joel – attended PETS in Roanoke, Virginia last weekend and experienced the “bumpiest” flight of his life in a puddle jumper from Charlottesville to Roanoke. It was otherwise a good experience and he learned a lot about how he plans to present and publicize the club's activities and motivate the membership during his upcoming year as president. It was noted by someone in the audience that Joel had obviously received valuable training at PETS judging from what we have already heard.

Last Week – President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan led in singing “Happy Birthday” to Tally Decato and Glenn offered the blessing.

Miranda led the program. She circulated the list of prospective members / employers that was compiled last month. Members were asked to assign themselves to the various contacts and invite them to a meeting in May, starting on or after May 11th. It was recommended that we structure short presentations of key Rotary events and functions to be presented by the various chairs; make the overall presentation flow with interest and information in order to keep the overall tone of the meetings on par with how a regular meeting goes. This would be so that we aren't misrepresenting how our meetings actually happen. It is also important that these prospects come to a breakfast meeting rather than a special evening meeting because we are a breakfast club and that makes a difference to many people.

Miranda then read a list of things we should consider:

1. Destroy the stereotype that we are a group of old men that have lunch every week.
2. Emphasize that we are a vital part of the community and the world at large, helping to fight drug abuse and diseases such as polio, that we help the disenfranchised with programs such as Rotoplast and the third world water projects such as the Bridgton-Lake Region Club's project.
3. Emphasize that attendance comes in many forms and doesn't require coming to a breakfast meeting every week.

Paul talked about how some of the Florida clubs he attended are struggling with the same issue but that they weren't nearly as active as this club. We should be clear to prospective members that they

can choose what they wish to participate or not participate in unless we're short on a given event – but no arm twisting.

Curtis said that if someone is serious about community service in general, then joining a service club is the way to go because it offers so many options.

Happy Dollars 😊 - **Ron** was happy that there will be a free pork loin supper at the First Congregational Church on Friday night, April 22nd, as a free will offering to the minister's discretionary fund. **Paul** is happy to be back in Maine because the air is better here, and that this is home and that this is a great Rotary Club.

50/50 – Val's number came up but she drew the Queen of Hearts. The pot rolls over.

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

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, roup7:15 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.orgth

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School



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