

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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."

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### 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: Chris Weston

**Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott**

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**Thought for the week:** "Despite all the bad days and mean people, I still believe in good days and kind people.....plus, there are always dogs." ~from a Facebook posting~

**Welcome!** Today is the 119th day of 2015. There are 246 days remaining in the year. Bob Kahn is program chair this morning. Our guest speaker is Lonnie Hackett, founder and president of Healthy Kids – Brighter Future. Glenn Huntley is greeter.

**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](mailto: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.

**4/29 – Auction Committee meeting at Paul Thornfeldt's in South Paris at 5:00 PM.**

**5/4 – Board Meeting at TD Bank, Oxford at 5:30 PM**

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

**5/16 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS.**

**5/13 – Phil Libby and Susan Graves. Phil's guests will be the students participating in the OHMS race car program.**

**5/20 – Club Assembly and Tally Decato**

**5/27 – Dave Preble and Pat Cook**

**6/3 – Top Students and Curtis Cole**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There no visiting Rotarians last week. Miranda Ward was the guest of Larry Jordan.

**Membership Proposal** - Miranda Ward of the Progress Center has been proposed for membership by Larry Jordan. Miranda's classification is marketing. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris T.** – there was another membership committee meeting on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at TD Bank. I do not have any information as to what was discussed.

Dan Allen has agreed to chair the auction committee for 2015. There will be a meeting of the committee at Paul's house on Presidential Drive in South Paris tonight at 5:00 PM.

**Tally** – reported on the District Visioning meeting she and Bob Schott attended last week. It was her opinion that our club is doing good work planning its vision and overall mission.

All contributors to May Day Play Day are on board except the train (operated by Maine Antique Tractors). It was asked if they had insurance and Dan Allen confirmed that they did.

**Bob S.** – offered to do training for the ropes course for new members or others who want to know the process. Future ropes events will be at May Day Play Day as well as Project Graduation. As a side note, I will add that we will miss Jack Richardson at the ropes events. He was always there for us.

Bob also talked about the District Visioning meeting in which there were 5 focus groups. He was in the fundraising group which emphasized maximizing profits per hour time invested and to somehow keep track of the investment to see if the project was truly worthwhile.

**Ron** – The scholarship committee has received 18 applications from members of the upcoming graduating class for consideration.



**Chris S.** – reported that his PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) went well. He learned that feedback from the club is essential to a successful year as president. He also reported that a recent on-line questionnaire yielded only 8 of 33 members participating. He asked that members complete the questionnaire he circulated and give the questions some thought before returning them to him.

**The Memorial Service for Jack Richardson** will be on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, not Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> as previously reported.

### **Last Week:**

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in singing "When We Meet at Rotary" and Glenn Huntley offered the invocation.

Last week was a club assembly so there was no program to write about.

 **Happy Dollars**  - **Larry** was happy that he lives in a part of the world that has ice out in the lakes. He went kayaking on Canton Lake Sunday while the ice was partially out and it was an interesting experience. **Kim** was happy that she had recently paid off her credit card and auto loan. Now it is time to buy a house. **Chris S.** was happy that the Red Sox beat the Rays last night. **Tally** was happy that her grandson, Calvin, has found a job in his field here in Maine as a direct result of his military training and

his own initiative. **Bob S.** said that there is still 2 feet of snow at Moxie Gore so the annual meeting of the Moxie Gore Paddling Club will be held in Oxford this year. **Patty** was happy for the new calf that entered the world at Rice Farm. She and George attend PDG Patten's memorial service over the weekend. She also reported that PDG Gary Spears recently had kidney surgery and that he was recovering nicely considering the seriousness of the problem. **Miranda** was happy to bring a club banner today that her husband's grandfather, David Paine, had given him many years ago. **Glenn** said that Dave was his sponsor when he joined the club over 30 years ago. **Val** said that Dave was president the year she joined the club. Val was the first woman to join the club once women were first invited in the 1980's. **Dan** was happy that Nancy was feeling much better now that a change of medication had improved her condition immensely.

**50/50** – Joe Balchunas drew the right ticket but again the wrong card turned up.

**Birthdays in May:** Sharon Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Chris Weston – 5/25

**Anniversaries in May:** Susan and Greg Graves – 5/4; Chrstina and David Twitchell – 5/13; Dan and Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank and Connie Shorey – 5/23

**Membership Anniversaries in May:** Lynne Schott – 11 years – 5/5; Joel Speakman – 4 years – 5/17

### **Make-ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 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

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**Mountain Valley** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM 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 B238, OHCHS

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