

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 4, 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

Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.

Today's program is the Students of the Month.

Our Greeter is Ron Morse.

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

Program Chairs and Greeters

April 11 - Assembly - Dave Preble

Paul Emery for the Gift of Life Program.

April 18 - Curtis Cole - Phil Libby

Supt. Rick Colpitts on the SAD 17 School Budget.

April 25 - Pat Cook - Bob Kahn

May 2 - Students - Irina Kahn

May 9 - Assembly - Larry Jordan

May 16 - Tally Decato - Glenn Huntley

May 23 - Rebecca Dowse - John Griffith

May 30 - Top 5% of the Graduating 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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Next Monday Evening.

4/9/12 - Cocktail reception at 5 PM at Maurice's to honor past president Joelle Corey-Whitman and to announce the Rotarian of the Year.

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

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

May 9th - Membership Session with District co-chairs George and Patty Rice.

5/18/12 - 5/20/12 - District 7780 Conference

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 to Our Flag. Dan led us in song and Glen led us in prayer. Al Barth was the visiting Rotarian from the Bethel Club. Phil Libby had students from the Jr. High School Early Act Club. Present were Tyler Edwards, Nate Cleveland, Baylee Wood, Sophia Hanscom, Emily Huff and Anna Huff.

Our guest speaker was Lee Dassler from the Western Foothills Land Trust who gave us a slide show presentation on the new warming hut on the Roberts Farm Preserve. The post and beam warming hut was constructed in January by a large group of volunteers. Roberts Farm is a 165 acre preserve at the south end of Norway Lake. There are 12KM of trails for skiing and hiking. The area is also available for outdoor activities such as picnics and get togethers.

The club's Scholarship Raffle tickets are being distributed. Let Rob or Paul know how many tickets you are willing to sell. If we all sell 4 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. All proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund for deserving graduating seniors at OHCHS. 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.

Dan reminded us to invite an old or new friend to join our Rotary Club. Blue Cards are available from Dan to explain what Rotary is and does.

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 will have some figures to see where each of us stand.

President-elect Bob has tickets available for the upcoming dance to support the Special Olympics. The dance is scheduled for this Saturday at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls. Bob also told us that there will be a couple of gift baskets being raffled off at the dance.

Rebecca drew Joel's tickets and he drew two blue balls. The pot is not over \$150.00.

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. Also, we still can donate coats for the Coat Closet.

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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

Happy Dollars

Tally was appreciative of the work being done at Robert's Farm Preserve and was happy to see that one of the students is a relative.

Joel was on a Jet Blue flight to Boston when one of the passengers got ill. Thank God the pilot was fine.

Bob suggested to Lee that the warming hut be solar powered and be connected to the grid so credits can be earned.

Patty told us that the second calf was born and they named her Lily.

John was sad that he and his wife spent \$1926. at Agren's for furniture, but happy to donate the old furniture to the Rotary-Kiwanis Auction.

Al Barth thanked us for his name mug, but also told us he was moving to Highland Green in Topsham.

Jack informed us that the previous occupants of Al Barth's house have all moved to Highland Green after their ownership. Eerie, huh?

Steve told us his mother lives in an over 55 community and has reminded him that he's close to being eligible to move near her. Eerie? Also, he has been named director of musical and cultural programming for MPBN and has recently directed a live 'Poetry Out Loud' program.

Dan asked if Roller Derby was considered a cultural event. LOL!

Lee Dassler was sad that Al Barth is leaving the area, but happy that in the land trust's 25 years that they have preserved over 5000 acres of land and recently added 198 acres in Buckfield.

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