

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
Norway, ME 04268
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: Ron Morse

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

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**Thought for the week:** "Old age comes at a very bad time." ~Anon~

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**Welcome!** Today is the 98th day of 2015. There are 267 days remaining in the year. Glenn Huntley is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Terry Swett who will be talking about the South Paris Revitalization Plan. Our greeter is Bob Kahn.

**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 <a href="mailto:speakmanbiz@gmail.com">speakmanbiz@gmail.com</a>. 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.

- 4/9 Membership Committee Meeting at TD Bank, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- 4/10 Career Fair at OH Middle School. Please see Phil Libby if you would like to participate.
- 4/11 Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance at Tuscany Hall, South Paris.
- 4/15 Larry Jordan and Irina Kahn
- 4/16 District Visioning meeting, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, South Portland Housing Authority, Waterman Drive, South Portland. Social around the corner at Snow Squall Restaurant on Ocean St. from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM.
- 4/18 Bowl-for-Kids Sake for Big Brothers Big Sisters at Hobbs Lucky Lanes, South Paris.
- 4/18 Memorial Service for PDG Bob Patten at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Meeting House Hill, Cottage Rd.. South Portland.
- 4/22 Club Assembly and Larry Jordan
- 4/23 Membership Committee Meeting at TD Bank, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- 4/24-4/26 District Conference at Wentworth by the Sea
- 4/28 Visioning Committee Meeting 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Tally Decato's, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris.
- 4/29 Robert Kahn and Glenn Huntley

**<u>Visiting Rotarians and Guests:</u>** There no visiting Rotarians last week. The Students of the Month, their parents and other family members were our guests last week. Bob Kirchherr was the guest of Chris Summers.

#### **Announcements:**

<u>President Chris</u> — We need to send two members to the District Grant Seminars in order to write a grant for the 2015-2016 year. Larry Jordan will be attending the seminar in Westbrook on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00. If anyone else would like to go with him, please speak to President Chris.

There is a <u>District Visioning meeting</u> coming on Thursday, April 16. It is recommended for President-elects and any club visioning committee members. There will be a social hour from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM at the Snow Squall Restaurant, Ocean St., South Portland with the Visioning meeting held at the South Portland Housing Authority around the corner on Waterman Drive from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be a light supper served (last time it was pizza).

<u>Susan Graves</u> – This year, Relay for Life will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> from noon until mid-night at the Oxford County Fairgrounds. We will be setting two tents and they are asking for our help to set up tables and chairs. There is a sign-up sheet circulating.

<u>Chris Summers</u> – Ticket sales for the Ray Brown Memorial Dance have been slow this year. There are only a few days left to sell tickets so if you can, please do so. Every sale counts.

### Last Week's Program:

President Christina presented Sgt. At Arms Stan Brett with his 19 year perfect attendance award. There is also a perfect attendance award for 12 years waiting for Lois Strauss when she returns from Florida.

Last week, we had the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. Chris Summers introduced Shyanne Ellis, 9<sup>th</sup> grade; Phil Libby introduced Jonathan Blake, 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Irina Kahn introduced Tyler Curtis, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Kim Preble introduced Leanna Wielki, 12<sup>th</sup> grade. *The write-ups on each student are on the last page of the Reader.* 

<u>50/50</u> – Larry drew Jack's number but Jack didn't draw the King of Clubs. Better luck next time, Jack.

<u>Birthdays in Aptil</u> – Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26.

Anniversaries in March: - None this month.

**Membership Anniversaries in March:** – None this month

#### Make-ups:

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel www.bethelrotary.org

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

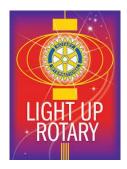
**Mountain Valley** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact - Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, OHCHS

#### The Four Way Test:

Is it the Truth?
 Is it Fair to all concerned?
 Will it build Good Will and better Friendships?
 Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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### **April Students of the Month**

<u>9<sup>th</sup> grade – Shyanne Ellis –</u> Shyanne was nominated by her science teacher. Shyanne shows respect, moral courage, generosity, compassion and responsibility.

"Shyanne has a positive upbeat personality. She gets along with all of her classmates and sets a good example for respect, work ethic and compassion for others. She is open to working with all groups of peers and is always willing to lend a hand. Shyanne has helped to create classroom activities and labs by creating on line resources. Her computer skills and willingness to always lend a hand make her a great help to not only peers, but teachers as well. She acted as a 'buddy' for two guests that sponsored my grant. She was very polite to them and made them feel at home at OHCHS. They commented on how mature, polite and personable she was to them. She escorted them to the room, back out of school and helped them as they transitioned during their visit. She is a positive and helpful young lady."

<u>10<sup>th</sup> grade – Jonathan Blake –</u> Jonathan was nominated by two of his teachers. Jonathan shows respect, compassion, integrity and responsibility.

"Jon's attitude toward school has improved dramatically this year. He participates enthusiastically in all classroom activities and helps motivate those around him. Jon has devoted more time, including time outside of class, to the Lexia reading program on his computer. He persists even when it gets hard."

"Jon has impressed me with his continued reflection about his work and about his behavior in the classroom."

<u>11<sup>th</sup> grade – Tyler Curtis –</u> Tyler was nominated by one of his teachers. Tyler shows respect, moral courage and responsibility.

"Tyler is responsible because he always does his work. He has moral courage because he is in a class of all seniors and he helps others and actively participates during class. He has respect because he treats everyone including me respectfully and kindly during class and outside of class. When others in the class were having trouble following the classroom rules, Tyler was always there to support me in complying with the rules. He also helps remind others in class how to be appropriate. Thanks Tyler!"

<u>12<sup>th</sup> grade – Leanna Wielki – Leanna was nominated by her photography/drama teacher.</u> Leanna shows respect, honesty, moral courage, compassion, kindness and humor.

"Leanna is a kind and generous soul with a positive attitude and a ready smile. She brings positive energy with her and it fills a room! I am in the wonderful position this year to have Leanna every day for a class this semester and she always impresses me with her upbeat positive outlook and great energy."