

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, May 13, 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: Chris Weston

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

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**Thought for the week:** "A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting its shoes on"

~ Mark Twain~

**Welcome!** Today is the 133rd day of 2015. There are 232 days remaining in the year. Phil Libby is program chair this morning. His guest speakers are the OHMS Aspire Higher Race Car Team students. Susan Graves is our 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.

**5/13 – Auction Committee meeting at Paul Thornfeldt's house in South Paris at 5:00 PM.**

**5/13 – Spring Foundation Grant Seminar at Topsham Red Cross office, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.**

**5/16 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS. If you have signed up to help, plan to be there around 8:30 AM.**

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

**5/27 – Dave Preble and Pat Cook**

**6/1 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 PM.**

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

**6/10 – George Rice and Mary Lou Burns**

**6/17 – Patty Rice and Joe Balchunas**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** We had three visiting Rotarians last week – Warren Spencer from So. Berwick/Eliot, PDG Peter Johnson from Yarmouth and Dan Hart from Bethel. Miranda Ward was the guest of Larry Jordan.

## **Announcements:**

**President Chris T.** – May Day Play Day is coming up. We need people to set up tables and chairs. Bob will be there early for ropes training for those who want to learn or need a refresher. There is no rain date as we will be in the gym anyway.

Chris presented Mary Lou Burns with her 17 year perfect attendance award and Chris Summers with his 2 year perfect attendance award.

### **From the board meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>:**

The board voted to donate \$550 to Healthy Kids/Bright Future. This donation will pay for a health care worker for one year in Zambia.

The board also voted to donate \$500 to the Rotary Club of Katmandu, Nepal to help with relief from the devastating earthquake they had. Through the District Governor, we are also challenging all of the clubs in our district to match our donation, then we can arrange for one wire transfer of all funds which will save on wire transfer fees. The board also agreed that we would “pass the hat” for donations from club members.

**PDG Peter Johnson** is nearing the end of his term as District Foundation Chair and he came last week to thank us for our continued support of the Foundation through the years.

### **Last Week:**

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” to the tune of “God Save the Queen” and in the absence of Glenn Huntley, we had a moment of silence.

Our guests were the May Students of the Month, their parents and other family members. The write-ups for each of the students is on the last page of the Reader. The senior was not able to attend.

After the award presentations, Dan spoke about Rotary with the help of a few members.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊** - **Kim** was happy for her parents who are doing some renovations and they found out that their contractor knew Uncle Dave. **Paul** was happy for the students and he said it had been 1 year since Phil and his wife took in the homeless cocker spaniel that he found. **Phil** said that he was the best dog ever, no problems and very well behaved. **Dave** had a congratulations dollar for the students and a happy dollar from **Frank Shorey** because the Rays beat the Sox in the game prior to the last one in which they lost. **Dave** also had a sad dollar because Frank told him he would be back in Maine on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of **Frank Shorey**, John had a note from **Lois Strauss** this week that she and Herb were leaving Florida on May 14<sup>th</sup> and that she would be with us on the 20<sup>th</sup> if all goes well.

**50/50** – **Kim drew Susan’s ticket but as she had to leave early, she left Pat to draw for her. However, Pat did not draw the King of Clubs which would have been worth \$100.00. Sorry Susan.**

**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

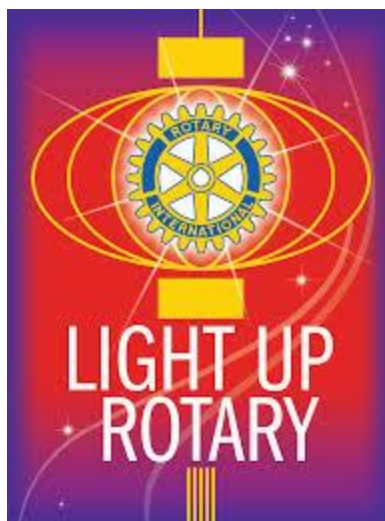
[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, OHCHS

**The Rotarian Code of Conduct – As a Rotarian, I will:**

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

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## May Students of the Month

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jordan Stevens** – “Jordan has been one of my most amazing students in showing all of the above traits. First of all, she shows respect by paying focused attention to what I am saying and in whatever she is supposed to be doing. She approaches learning with straightforward and steadfast integrity and is always brimming with creative ideas. Her responsibility is shown by her near perfect attendance and superb handling of materials.”

“In one of our first few classes, I asked students if anyone would like to explain to an absent student what we had done in the last class. Jordan raised her hand and proceeded to give an organized presentation of what we had learned, including precise details. This demonstrated her focus and commitment to her learning.”

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade – David Long** – “David is always ready to learn, asks excellent questions and is very respectful of his classmates and his teacher. He has a positive attitude and does the work to the best of his ability trying to get the most out of class.”

“The students in the class were talking about one of the clinical sites they job shadow at and telling me they were bored at that site. David went to the site the next clinical day and came back telling the class all the things he learned. The professionals at the site told me he was the most interested student they had and how anxious he was to learn about what they did. They also asked when he would be coming back as they enjoyed having him.”

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sara Frutos** – “I have the pleasure of seeing Sara 1<sup>st</sup> period every day. She is going through a challenging time right now and still finds the time to take on leadership roles in both of my classes as well as stepping up to tasks outside of the school day.”

“Sara recently took on a huge task for the yearbook of which she had not been a part of previously. I needed help with the spring sports photos and she was graciously willing to take on this huge job for me. I’m very proud of her and she is an amazing student.”

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kayla Lord** – “Kayla is a terrific student in the classroom. She shows drive and determination in her work. In October, Kayla was involved in a very serious accident that left her with a traumatic brain injury. Her approach to simultaneously rehabbing her injury and finishing high school on time has been inspiring and rewarding to watch. Kayla was a hard worker before her accident and having developed those habits and ethics at a young age served her very well through the tribulations of this year.”

“Kayla has always been, and continues to be, one of the highest performing students in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation Management. Her grit and determination appear in her organizational set, her timeliness and in her quality of work. She is a good collaborator and has earned the respect of her peers. Many students exploit injuries to avoid assignments. Kayla has boldly attacked her major health setbacks, and times pushing herself to fault. With integrity, she is willing to work harder to meet responsibilities and to maintain her own personal quality controls.”