

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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:** "Never miss a good chance to shut up."

~ Will Rogers~

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**Welcome!** Today is the 140th day of 2015. There are 225 days remaining in the year. This morning we are having a club assembly. Tally Decato is our greeter.

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**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.

**5/22-5/25 – Interact and Exchange Students rafting weekend at Moxie Gore**

**5/27 – Dave Preble and Pat Cook**

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

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

**6/6 – Project Graduation – ropes course – OHCHS at 9:30 PM**

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

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

**6/20 – Relay for Life – set tents**

**6/24 – Changeover and Dan Allen**

**6/29 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford at 5:30 PM.**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Warren Spencer from the South Berwick/Eliot club was with us again this week. Deb Harris was the guest of Chris Summers.

**May Day Play Day** was an outstanding success! I think we had our largest crowd yet. We gave out all 175 back packs and probably could have used a few more. We purchased 9 packages of 24 hot dogs and buns and Chris S. went out and bought 4 more, so we served over 300 hot dogs. We also used a whole container full of popcorn which we have never done before. It was a great event and everyone had a lot of fun. Thanks to Tally for organizing the day and to all members who came to help!

### **Announcements:**

**President-elect Chris S.** – in the absence of President Christina, PE Chris ran the meeting. The only announcements were reminders that May Day Play Day is coming up this coming Saturday and of course, it will be over for another year by the time you read this.

Also, there will be a Membership committee meeting on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM at TD Bank in Oxford. The committee would like to meet every other week.

**Lynne Schott** – there is a sign-up sheet going around for the Interact / Exchange Student rafting weekend, May 22 to May 25. Lynne would like a head count so she can prepare for the right amount of food. The students will be rafting and hiking among other activities. If you would like to help, please speak to Lynne or Bob. Come for a day, stay over one night or stay for the whole weekend!

**Miranda Ward** was inducted as our newest member by PE Chris. Beth Abbott stood with her as her sponsor in the absence of Larry Jordan. Miranda's classification is Marketing. Welcome Miranda! We are very happy that you have chosen to join Rotary!

### **Last Week:**

PE Chris S. led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in singing something about a barrel of monkeys and George Rice led us in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Our guest speakers this week were 7 members of the Aspire Higher Race Car Team at the Middle School. Altogether, there are 36 students in the program. They have the distinction of being the only middle school in the US to build and own a race car. They have hired Spencer Morse to drive the car and have entered a number of races at Oxford Plains Speedway including the Oxford 250. Within the group, they have 6 teams handling different aspects of the program

- Finance and marketing
- Building and engineering
- Graphic design
- Technology and web design
- Leadership
- Public relations

The students gave an excellent presentation about all of the different aspects of the program and impressed us with their professionalism and maturity.

At a special board meeting after our regular meeting, the board voted to donate \$500 to the program.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Curtis C.** was happy to see Patrick and Tara with the students. **Patty** was happy for the great time she had last weekend which combined her birthday and Mother's Day. She was also happy to present the race team with a check from her and George. **Tally** was excited about Aspire Higher and how it has progressed since she helped start it so many years ago. **Lynn** was happy to see the race team and also happy that she was given 4 tuxedos to give to male students that wanted to attend prom and did not have proper attire. **Dan** had a happy dollar for Tally and was grateful that we have people like Tally in our community. **Bob** had a story about ropes training 10 years ago. **Stan** was happy that George and Patty took down a tent, folded it and brought it out to his house – especially since he forgot about it.

**50/50** – Warren Spencer drew Val's number but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$113 in the pot.

**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, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

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