

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

Rotary Theme for 2015-2016:

**"Be a gift to the world"**

**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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### 2015-2016 Officers:

Rotary International President: K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran – District 7780 Governor: Sheila Rollins – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Summers – Pres. Elect: Joel Speakman – Vice-pres.: Chris Weston – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Christina Twitchell – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

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

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**Welcome!** This evening, we are honoring our Rotarian of the Year. Val Weston is greeter.

**Calendar:** *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-743-6129 or at [griffs2@roadrunner.com](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com). Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

**5/28 – 6/1 – International Convention, Seoul, Korea**

**6/1 – Top Students and Chris Weston**

**6/2 – Saco Bay Sunset Club charter celebration at Dune Grass Country Club, Old Orchard Beach**

**6/8 – Joel Speakman and Miranda Ward**

**6/10 to 6/12 – District Conference at Tarry-A-While Resort, Bridgton**

**6/15 – Lois Strauss and Chris Twitchell**

**6/22 – Miranda Ward and Lois Strauss**

**6/29 – Change-over and Joel Speakman**

**7/1 – Dues are due!**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** For May 11<sup>th</sup>, we had one visiting Rotarian, Dan Hart, from Bethel. Past Charter Member, Dave Whittier, was also with us. Rachel Brown was the guest of Chris Summers, Trish Logan was the guest of Linda Jack and Beth Garza was the guest of Pat Cook. Last week, Dan Hart was once again our visiting Rotarian. Guests were Dave Whittier, Rachel Brown, Trish Logan, Beth Garza, Marissa Rivas, Austin Fox, Heidi Darling, Rebecca Powell and Emily Cummings.

## Announcements:

President Chris – Don't forget that next week (now this week) will be our Rotarian of the Year dinner at Daddio's in Oxford. Cost of the dinner will be \$15 per person. So far we have 36 people signed up. Happy Half Hour starts at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. Remember that there will be no morning meeting.

Paul – hosted a Fireside chat for Rachel Brown at his house last Thursday which was followed by an auction meeting. Paul also told us that he sold the hospital bed. We have also picked up 3 gorgeous pieces of furniture – a sofa, leather library chair and 4 poster bed – antique – which are all in great shape.

Tally – thanked everyone for helping make May Day Play Day so successful and in turn, we all thanked Tally for all of her work putting the day together.

Dave – found out where the crutches and walkers go for Crutches for Africa are being stored so he delivered them last Friday.

## Last Week:

We finally had the opportunity to present the Rowe School food pantry with our \$500 donation from our road toll for the food pantries last fall. Heidi Darling heads up the pantry and with the help of Marissa Rivers and Austin Fox talked about the pantry. The pantry serves about 20 students on a regular basis every week. They also pack food for weekends and vacations because many of the students only get food through the school. They are looking for easy to prepare foods such as soups, canned vegetables and mac & cheese. There is also a need for personal hygiene items – deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste and so on.

Rebecca Powell, with assistance from Emily Cummings, talked about the Walking School Bus. This program started in October 2014 when the school district received a grant to get kids walking to school safely instead of taking a bus. The grant was for a stipend to pay for a coordinator. Right now, there are 40 kids that participate, starting off at Ari's every school morning at 8:00AM and then winding through the village to Rowe School. The kids are met at their homes in the morning and dropped off in the afternoon. They walk regardless of the weather. Lots of volunteers are needed as there needs to be one adult for every 10 kids. If you want to volunteer, see Mr. Hart or Mrs. Powell at Rowe School for an application. It is also important to note that the grant runs out in November of this year and funding is not available through the district, so they are looking for donations and funding to keep the program going.

Happy Dollars 😊 - Kim said that her sister was expecting and this was the week that they are going to find out if they are having a boy or girl. Bob drove his Mazda RX-7 to Rotary this morning and it is a stick shift. He also walked his 1.3 mile route in 35 minutes.

50/50 – Dave drew Val's number but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$106 in the pot.

**May Birthdays: Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – May 1 and Patty Rice – May 9**

**May Anniversaries: Susan and Greg Graves – May 4; Chris and David Twitchell – May 13; Dan and Nancy Allen – May 21.**

**May Membership Anniversaries: Lynne Schott – 12 years – May 5; Miranda Ward – 1 year – May 13; Joel Speakman – 5 years – May 17**

**TRIVIA this week!**

**Match these TV moms with their TV show:**

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| 1. Marion Cunningham | A. <i>The Brady Bunch</i>         |
| 2. Claire Huxtable   | B. <i>Everybody Loves Raymond</i> |
| 3. Carol Brady       | C. <i>The Cosby Show</i>          |
| 4. Debra Barone      | D. <i>Happy Days</i>              |

**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 Community Center, 15 Depot St., 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)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, 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 A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School



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