

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015**

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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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**Welcome!** Today is the 154th day of 2015. There are 211 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Dave Preble and our greeter is Pat Cook. Dave and Pat will be talking about the new medical building being built in Norway.

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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.

**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 – District Changeover Event at Camp Hinds in Raymond – 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**6/20 – Relay for Life – set tents**

**6/24 – No meeting**

**6/27 – Changeover at Dave & Chris Twitchell's in Oxford – 4:30 PM**

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

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Bowen Depke, President-elect of the Portland Club was with us last week as was Dave Whittier, Past President of our club and Honorary Rotarian. Guests of Chris Twitchell were members of the American Legion Post #112 in Oxford – Joe Casalinova, Executive Committee; Linda Jack, President of the Legion Auxiliary; Ed Lyons, Post Commander; Brian O'Donnell, Squadron Commander. Ellen Stryffeler of Healthy Oxford Hills was the guest of Kim Preble.

**May Day Play Day** went well. Chris said Bob had 49 kids go through the Ropes Course. Ron noted that 175 backpacks were dispersed along with 276 hot dogs served and that it was by far the best MDPD to date. Patty said she thoroughly enjoyed the day with her grand-daughter taking part in practically all of the activities including finger printing, bike safety, Fire dept. trailer, miniature horses, moon bounce, balloons, face painting, the tire swing and the ropes.

Thanks to everyone who helped out and to Tally for organizing the day.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – The District Changeover will be at Camp Hinds in Raymond on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be a BBQ, RYLA activities, bon fire and music. Everyone should have received an e-mail about it with instructions for registering. It sounds like a fun afternoon!

In addition, we will have our own Changeover supper at Dave & Chris Twitchell's farm in Oxford on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. We have had two or three get-togethers there and we always have a lot of fun. (It would be better if you guys put in a pool – hint, hint). Chris will have a sign-up sheet ready today.

The Oxford American Legion will be adding some of their members as adjunct members of the Club. The visitors today will be part of the adjunct membership committee from the Legion that will, as a whole, act as members of the club.

**Ellen Stryffeler** – asked for help for the Healthy Oxford Hills summer meals program again this year. Any Rotary volunteers would be appreciated. The program will be held at Moore Park in South Paris, Pismo Beach in Oxford as well as the Norway Beach and Progress Center.

**Bowen Depke** – brought information on the planned celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jewell Island Project that this club participated in back in 1990. Bowen described the long term success of the project and how it has added to the recreational value of boating in Casco Bay through the years. A celebration cruise will be held on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> aboard the Casco Bay Lines floating function hall. Payments, reservations and further information is available on the Portland Club's web site.

Bowen also said that the Portland Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary would be celebrated on September 12<sup>th</sup> with information available on the Club's web site.

**Patty Rice** – two more Rotarians are needed to help out with the community dinner at the Progress Center (last week). Our assigned week to help out as a club is the third Thursday of the month. Please keep commitment in mind.

**Stan Brett** – the next scheduled tent set-ups are for the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>. The "big top" has been scheduled for Camp Hinds in Raymond for the District Changeover BBQ. Also the smaller tents have been reserved for Relay for Life at Gouin Field also on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Stan will have a sign-up sheet ready this week.

**Dan Allen** - a new project supporting elementary students at Oxford Elementary will begin soon. This will involve collecting and making available new and used books for K-6 grade students. They will be able to own these books free of charge to help encourage and strengthen reading interest and comprehension.

**Bob Schott** – reminded people that we would be working the ropes at Project Graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup> which is two weeks away.

**Beth Abbott** – the River Valley Club (Rumford) will be hosting a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Patty** was happy that Bowen was with us. She was also happy to hear that Cathy Richardson had successful hip replacement surgery and was rehabbing well. **Chris S.** was happy for Bowen's visit as well as the visitors from the Oxford American Legion. **Bob** was happy to be going rafting over the weekend but that by this time last year, he had already spent 24 days rafting – mostly on the Colorado River. **Lois** had a happy \$10 for being back in our presence, the wonderful "singing" Oxford Hills Rotary Club. **Chris T.** was happy for having so many guests this morning.

**50/50** – Pat's number came up but she drew the wrong king, the King of Diamonds.

**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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