

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

**Wednesday, June 3, 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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**Welcome!** Today is the 154th day of 2015. There are 211 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the Top Students from the Class of 2015. Curtis Cole 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.

**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 Wednesday 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.**

**7/1 – Club Assembly and Beth Abbott**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were Ed Lyons and Linda Jack from the American Legion in Oxford.

**Rotary Moment** – Pat told us about a very busy Rotarian who was not only involved in Rotary but also participated and volunteered in many other community events including delivering for Meals on Wheels. He was a retired doctor from Marco Island, Florida who was originally from the Philippines. Pat had a very nice article written about him in a local newspaper which is an excellent way to get the word out about Rotary.

## **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – From last week's Reader - 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. Chris passed around a sign-up sheet which she will have again this week. We will not have a regular Wednesday morning meeting that week.

**Reminders:** District Governor possibly coming June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be giving out our scholarships at Class Night tonight and then will have the ropes course at Project Graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Allen** – there was an Auction Committee meeting last Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Paul Thornfeldt's. Dan also talked about the prior Auction Committee meeting notes he passed out for everyone's review. He talked about the suggested e-mail we could use to solicit family and friends. He went over what is acceptable and what is not, ie: we don't want TVs, mattresses, appliances, tires, cribs, car seats, etc. He also talked about our selling larger, heavier items on-line or on Craig's List as we have had some success doing that.

**Chris Summers** – asked that everyone get the info in for background checks and the survey he passed out two weeks ago.

**Beth Abbott** – the River Valley Club (Rumford) has changed their meeting day and time from Tuesday at 7:30 AM to Monday at 12:00 PM. The location remains the same. River Valley's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary is also coming up. We have ordered a gavel to present to them. Also Bethel will be hosting the exchange team from Bulgaria when they arrive on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Beth is hoping that our area will be able to have a reception for them.

It was nice to see **Frank Shorey** and **Lois Strauss** again after their winter hiatus in Florida.

## **Last Week's Program:**

President Chris handed out perfect attendance awards to Frank Shorey for 30 years, Lois Strauss for 12 years, Pat Cook for 9 years and John Griffith for 8 years. Congratulations all!

Dave Preble and Pat Cook talked about the new Western Maine Medical building going up on the old Cummings Mill site on Pikes Hill Rd. in Norway. WMH has been looking for a site to expand to for the last couple of years and although there is some trepidation about building off of the main hospital campus, there really was no room there for any addition buildings. They looked at renovating the Ripley Building but decided against that due to cost and need. The new building will house the family practice physicians and internal medicine. Once those physicians have moved, the Ripley Building will be renovated to give their former spaces to pediatrics and OBGYN. They hope to have the building complete by the end of this year with a move in date of January 2016.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Patty** was happy that she and Lois were able to help out at the Progress Center Community Dinner last week. It was lots of fun and she hoped that everyone in the club would take a turn helping out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. **Lois** was also happy about the Progress Center Dinner and she was pleased that their general manager won Employee of the Year from the Chamber. She had sad dollars for the families of Neil Elder and Ellen Male who recently passed away. **Bob** was happy for his rafting weekend with the exchange students. **Dan** had a happy \$20 for his wife Nancy who remarked to him this morning that she felt better than she has in a long time. **Chris S.** was happy to have a budget for next year and for Miranda agreeing to be Assistant Treasurer. **Kim** was happy for all the United Way activities planned for the coming year. **Miranda** was happy for her twins who will be two years old on Friday.

**50/50** – Joel drew Stan's number but Stan didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

**Birthdays in June:** Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; David (Christina) Twitchell – 6/5; Barbara Ann (Jack) Sours – 6/14; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

**Anniversaries in June:** George and Patty Rice – 6/3; Bob and Lynne Schott – 6/5; Joel and Heather Speakman – 6/8; John and Shelley Griffith – 6/21; Phil and Shawn Libby – 6/25.

**Membership Anniversaries in June:** John Griffith – 9 years – 6/6; Curtis Cole – 31 year – 6/14

### **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** – 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 B238, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

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