

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

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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: Community Service Chair: Dan Allen; Phil Libby – 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!** Today is the 203rd day of 2015. There are 162 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair this morning and Miranda Ward is our greeter.

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**Calendar:** *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Program Chair Chris Weston know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach Joel at 207-515-0060 or at [cweston@swiftnet.org](mailto:cweston@swiftnet.org). Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

**7/29 – Evening meeting at Maurice Restaurant, 5:30 PM. No morning meeting. Chris Twitchell is greeter.**

**8/3 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30 – 6:30**

**8/5 – Jack Sours and Paul Thornfeldt**

**8/6 – Chamber of Commerce After Hour with Oxford Legion and United Way in Oxford from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Oxford American Legion Hall in Oxford.**

**8/9 – Memorial Celebration for Jack Richardson, 344 Paris Hill Rd., 3:00PM-4:30PM**

**8/12 – Lobster/Steak Fest planning meeting and Joel Speakman**

**8/15 – Lobster & Steak Fest, OHCHS**

**8/19 – Joel Speakman and Jack Sours**

**8/26 – Paul Thornfeldt and Lynne Schott**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** We had one visiting Rotarian, Dennis King, from Washington TWP, NJ. Guests were Ed Lyons and Linda Jack from the Oxford Legion, Bruce Cook who was the guest of Pat Cook and Past Charter Member Dave Whittier and his wife, Kathy.

### **New Membership Proposals:**

**Davin Currie** from South Paris has been proposed as a member by Patty Rice. Davin is the son of one of our charter members, Scott Currie. His classification is insurance sales. **The Anderson-Staples Post 112, American Legion**, has been proposed as a corporate member by Christina Twitchell. If anyone has any questions or concerns about these proposals, please speak to a board member.

## **Reminders:**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Chamber of Commerce After Hours. We will be sharing hosting duties with United Way of Oxford County and the Oxford American Legion. We will be collecting donations of school supplies so don't forget to bring something.



**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Celebration for Jack Richardson from 3:00 – 4:30 at the Richardson residence on Paris Hill.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cruise on Long Lake on the Songo River Queen with the Norway-Paris Kiwanians. The cost is \$10 per person. Those of us who went last year had a great time.

**Last Week:** Alas, we had no song leader and as there were no other brave souls who volunteered to lead us, we said the pledge and Glenn gave the blessing. President Chris announced that we finally received a new banner for the year. He handed out new "Be a Gift to the World" pins and new Rotary wheel pins for club officers and directors with their office on them. Chris also thanked Paul Thornfeldt for all of his work heading the auction and presented him with a new coffee mug.

Paul then talked about the auction, some of the issues we faced and suggestions for future auctions. The auction was very successful again this year. The main problem we are facing is the lack of membership to do all that needs to be done. Not only are we down in the number of members able to help, but we no longer have help from Kiwanis which used to give us twice as many people to do the work. The upside is that we get to keep all of the proceeds. Also this year, there were a lot of conflicting events – the Arts Festival, the Fish & Game Yard Sale and a number of other large yard sales in town. Possible ideas for next year and beyond – having the auction inside (4 Seasons), consign food, have the flea market and ticket auction prior to the auction and close both down before the auction starts, perhaps move back to the Fairgrounds, set-up the tents differently, etc. Things to think about.....

The gross proceeds this year came to \$13,169.35.

 **Happy Dollars**  - **Kim** had a happy dollar for the Chamber Back-packs for SAD #17. She received a donation of 100 from L.L. Bean and with other donations including the one from OH Rotary, she now has 400 back-packs to fill. **Lois** was happy that she and Herb a buying a new house which they hope to close on in the next few weeks. Lois said they were "downsizing by upsizing". Lois also announced that she is having ankle fusion surgery in three weeks and that she must spend 8 weeks following the surgery in bed. **Patty** had a thank you dollar for Lois and Curtis who volunteered to work at the Progress Center community dinner tomorrow. Patty had a thinking of Frank Shorey dollar as he was to undergo heart by-pass surgery the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**50/50** – George drew John's number but John drew the 10 of diamonds. There was \$219 in the pot that rolls over.

**Birthdays in July:** Phil Libby – 7/7; Greg (Susan) Graves – 7/7; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9

**Anniversaries in July:** Paul and Dawne Thornfeldt – 7/1; Dave and Becky Preble – 7/26; Pat and Bruce Cook – 7/27

**Membership Anniversaries in July:** Val Weston – 28 years – 7/22

### **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 \

### **Thought for the Week:**

“I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.”

~Albert Einstein~

### **The 4 Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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