

Rotary



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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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."

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: Phil Libby – International Service Chair: Dave Preble – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Beth Abbott

Welcome! Today is the 189th day of 2015. There are 176 days remaining in the year. This morning is our auction prep meeting. Val Weston is our greeter.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

7/9 – Jewell Island Celebration with Portland Rotary – Casco Bay Lines, Portland, 6:00-9:00 PM.

7/11 – AUCTION at OHCHS

7/15 – After Auction Meeting and Chris Weston

7/22 – Bob Schott and Miranda Ward

7/29 – Jack Sours and Christina Twitchell

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

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.

8/5 – Joel Speakman and Paul Thornfeldt

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Joanne Preble, Auburn Breakfast Club, District Secretary, Judy Speers, Damariscotta-Newcastle and PDG Gary Speers, Damariscotta-Newcastle. Davin Currie was the guest of Patty Rice.

Announcements:

President Chris – We have received an invitation from the Richardson family inviting club members and guests to a memorial celebration for Jack on Sunday, August 9th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Richardson residence at 344 Paris Hill Rd.

The auction sign-up sheet is on-line this year, having been e-mailed to all members. Be sure to sign up for something so we can get 100% attendance.

President Chris also discussed his plans for the year and changes that have either been or are to be implemented including: increasing the dues to \$160 and increasing the cost of breakfast and 50/50 drawing to \$10; encouraging more guests and potential Rotarians through the use of Oxford Hills Rotary Club business cards that include an invitation to breakfast; addition of a budget line item for the publicity director's use and discretion; when there is a 5th Wednesday of the month, we will meet that evening at Maurice's from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM with light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Fifth Wednesday months this year will be July, September, March and June. The club has also purchased a laptop computer and a projector for club use and for the use of our programs and meetings. Lastly, the budget is available to all who wish to review it.

Paul – reviewed the current status of auction items collected and plans to move items from the storage trailer to the high school starting Friday, the 10th, at 8:00 AM. The casino box van will be available to us that morning. We also have four other sites for smaller pick-up loads in the area that morning as well. The tents will be set up as usual directly after breakfast this morning. The Boy Scouts will be camping out at the auction site Friday night, acting as site security for us. Two cars are coming this year: a van from Bessey Motors and a Ford Escape from Ripley & Fletcher Ford which has also donated a \$250 gift certificate for detailing and any other minor needs.

Dan – we want to be sure we have enough runners available to the very end of the auction. Sometimes we do not have enough runners staying long enough to keep the pace of the auction moving smoothly and we lose people due to things slowing down too much to keep them interested in staying.

Patty – so far, we only have 6 or 7 items for the ticket auction and that is not enough. If we can get 20 or more items, we'll be in good shape. Those items need to have a value of \$50 or less; otherwise, the items will be regularly auctioned.

Reminders - the Norway-Paris Kiwanians have asked us to join them again this year for a cruise on the Songo River Queen on Long Lake. The date is August 13th and the cost is \$10 per person. Those of us who went last year had a great time.

We will be sharing hosting duties with United Way of Oxford County and the Oxford American Legion for the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, August 6th at the Legion in Oxford. We will be collecting donations of school supplies so don't forget to bring something.

Last Week - We had a club assembly so there was no guest speaker. Newly minted President Chris Summers led us in the Pledge, Dan Allen in singing "In a Church on Wednesday Morning" and Glenn gave the invocation. Breakfast was a red, white and blue pizza in recognition of the upcoming holiday.

Happy Dollars - **Kim** was happy about her recent family reunion and that her mother, Joanne, was visiting this morning. **Chris S.** was happy his year has finally begun and that the photo in his hand was emblematic of getting the word out about Rotary so that we would be "herd" – noting the photo was a herd of cattle. **Joanne Preble** was happy to be here and to announce that their club's big fund raiser, a golf scramble at Fox Ridge in Auburn was a big success, netting over \$14,000.00. **Lois** was happy that their fine business, Papoose Pond Resort was again hosting Gary and Judy Speers. She was also happy that she and Herb were looking forward to finally turning over the reins of ownership of the Resort to their daughter and her family later this year. **Frank** was apologetic for his dirty white "sox" which he had been required to wear for the past three weeks to keep his promise to his fellow Ray's fans that he would wear them as long as they were in first place. **Chris T.** was happy that she is now a past-president and was sorry she forgot her PP hat today. She was also happy for the turn-out at last weekend's change-over cook out at her farm. **Paul** had a happy \$10 in honor of his 10th anniversary of marriage to Dawne Wilton. **Glenn** was sad his well needed replacing but was happy that they had enough money to replace it. **Stan** had a happy \$20 for his daughter Lauren's wedding last week at the farm. All went well! **Pat** was happy that July 2nd was her last day as SVP Clinical at SMH. She said it was naturally a happy and sad occasion for her to be retiring.

50/50 – Tally did not draw the King of Clubs on Susan’s behalf today.

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

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Bridgton Alliance Church, Harrison Rd., Bridgton

www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

www.fryeburgrotary.org

Mountain Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room B238, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

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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