

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: 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

Welcome! Today is the 231st day of 2015. There are 134 days remaining in the year. Our program chair is Joel Speakman and our greeter is Jack Sours.

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.

8/19 – Joel Speakman and Jack Sours

8/21 – Celebration Barn Theater, Stock Farm Rd., South Paris, 8:00 PM.

8/20 – Our turn at the Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM, Progress Center, Cottage St.

8/24 – Pack back packs with school supplies at 9:00 AM, Oxford Hills United Way, Key Bank building, Norway.

8/26 – Paul Thornfeldt and Glenn Huntley substituting for Lynne Schott

8/31 – Board Meeting at 5:30 at TD Bank in Oxford.

9/2 – Christina Twitchell and Bob Schott

9/7 – Labor Day – Friends Forever Ugandan Celebration, Portsmouth.

9/9 – Miranda Ward and Patty Rice

9/16 – District Govenor visit and George Rice

9/18 – Kittery After Hours Charter Night Celebration, South Berwick

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey was once again our visiting Rotarian. Guests were Ed Lyons and Linda Jack from the Oxford Legion, Phyllis Summers who was the guest of Chris Summers and Davin Currie, guest of Patty Rice.

Announcements:

President Chris – Some future events – At the Chamber Business After Hours last week, Amanda Houtari invited us to attend the dress rehearsal of the latest play at **Celebration Barn Theater** on Friday night, August 21st. I do not know the name of the play but it has something to do with attending summer camp and is interactive – involving the audience. It should be a fun evening.

Monday, September 7th from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, there will be a [**Friends Forever Ugandan Celebration**](#) at 3s Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, NH. Tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. See the district website for more info.

The new [**Kittery After Hours Club Charter Celebration**](#) will be on Friday, September 18th, at Spring Hill, 117 Pond Rd., South Berwick, ME. See the district website for more info.

[**Paul**](#) – thanked President Chris for his excellent talk at the Business After Hours and for the presentation to Jack’s family at his memorial. Well done, Chris!

[**AG Beth**](#) – Rotary celebrated an important milestone on August 11th as one year has elapsed since the last case of polio on the continent of Africa. There are only 2 countries left with new cases of polio – Pakistan and Afghanistan.

[**Lobster & Steak Fest Update**](#) – I don’t have any figures on the financial results, but from observation, it seemed like we served as many dinners as we have in the past. We ordered 100 steaks and had about 5 or 6 left. We did have a cooler full of cooked corn left over as usual, a cooler of lobster and two coolers full of cooked clams – but then last year, we ran out of clams quite early. The weather held out and remained quite warm. We had one quick, heavy shower during clam washing time and a few brief sprinkles later in the afternoon. We started breaking down about 6:45 and had everything cleaned up and stored away by 8:30. I heard a number of comments from people as they left at how good everything was, including the steaks which people thought were much better than last year.

[**Additional Dates to Remember:**](#)

[**September 19th**](#) – District Foundation Spending Assembly, USM, Portland, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please speak to President Chris if you are interested in attending.

[**October 19th**](#) – RLI at USM in Lewiston. Register on-line if you wish to attend.

[**October 24th**](#) – 2nd Annual World Polio Day Bridgewalk, Kittery-Portsmouth

[**Last Week:**](#)

President Chris presented two perfect attendance awards - [**Glenn Huntley**](#), 29 years and [**Bob Schott**](#), 19 years. We are also all thinking of [**Lois Strauss**](#) as she undergoes her ankle surgery this morning.

The rest of our meeting was devoted to the Lobster & Steak Fest on Saturday.

😊 [**Happy Dollars**](#) 😊 - [**Frank**](#) was happy for the original coffee mugs that Scott Currie made for the club when it first started. [**Susan**](#) was happy to be back after a busy summer with a lot of employee vacations. She also received an excellent report from her oncologist last month and does not have to go back for a year. [**Glenn**](#) had a great time camping last weekend with his wife and family somewhere north of Moosehead. [**Kim**](#) reminded everyone of the Casino charity golf tournament at Poland Spring on August 31st. [**Dave**](#) had an e-mail from an acquaintance who works at Community Concepts and would like to speak to us so if you need a speaker, please speak to Dave. Dave was also happy he attended the Paris town meeting about the local addiction problem. [**Paul**](#) had a sad dollar for all the estrogen in his house for the next few weeks. [**Lynne**](#) was happy that Bob could still water ski with one ski and has a video to prove it. She was also happy for her granddaughter who loves the water and did not want to get out even though her lips were turning blue. [**Bob**](#) was happy to attend his mother’s 95th birthday party.

50/50 – Ed drew Miranda Ward’s number and Miranda drew the King of Clubs, winning \$272.00! Congratulations Miranda!

Birthdays in August: Lois Strauss – 8/8; Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris S. – 8/17; Irina Kahn – 8/23

Anniversaries in August: None this month

Membership Anniversaries in August: None this month

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

River 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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