

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, August 26, 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 238th day of 2015. There are 127 days remaining in the year. Paul Thornfeldt is program chair this morning and substituting for Lynne Schott, Glenn Huntley 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.

**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 Governor visit and George Rice**

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

**9/19 – District Foundation Spending Assembly, USM, Portland, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**

**9/23 – Chris Weston and Dave Preble**

**9/30 – Evening social meeting at Maurice's – 5:30-6:30 and Kim Preble**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** PDG Marie Williams from Kittery was our visiting Rotarian. Bruce Williams was the guest of Marie Williams, Davin Currie was the guest of Patty Rice, Phyllis Summers was the guest of President Chris Summers. Randy and Linda Jack and Ed Lyons from the Oxford American Legion were the guests of Chris Twitchell.

### Announcements:

**President Chris** – There were no new announcements, only reminders of events from last week and upcoming events which are in the calendar.

We received a very nice card and thank-you from Kathy Richardson and family for the memorial plaque we gave them and for helping with the memorial on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**George** – if you have any left-over Lobster & Steak tickets or have money you have not yet handed in, please get them to George as soon as possible so we can pay the remaining bills and have an accurate total of what we made. George said it looks like another successful event.

**Paul** – we should have Lottery Raffle tickets available for sale next (this) week. He and Ron have made some revisions to the Raffle – a new frame, only \$10 and \$20 tickets this year and only 5 runner-up prizes. There will still be a total of \$340 in tickets with a drawing on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additional Dates to Remember:**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)** 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.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Charter night celebration for the new **Kittery After Hours Club** at Spring Hill, 117 Pond Rd., South Berwick, ME. See the district website for more info.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – 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 19<sup>th</sup>** – RLI at USM in Lewiston. Register on-line if you wish to attend.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual World Polio Day Bridgewalk, Kittery-Portsmouth

### **Last Week:**

**President Chris**, with the assistance of sponsor **Patty Rice**, inducted **Davin Currie** as our newest member. Davin is the son of charter member Scott Currie. He lives in South Paris and his classification is insurance sales. Davin also enjoys photography and he took a number of pictures at the Lobster & Steak Fest. Welcome Davin!

Our guest speaker was **Sal Girifalco, President of the Lakes Association of Norway**. The Lakes Association covers all of the lakes and ponds in Norway, not just Pennesseewassee. The Association is working in a number of areas to preserve water quality in the lakes. Two areas the Association is working on are invasive plants, in particular mil-foil, and phosphorus pollution which promotes algae growth. The Association is working on solutions now before these issues become major issues in the future. They have been doing a lot of tests on water quality and boat inspections, concentrating on prevention. All it takes is one seed on the bottom of a boat or a propeller to bring in an infestation of milfoil. Phosphorus is also a major problem with run off from lawns along the lake shores. They are going to be doing a watershed survey, looking for places where phosphorus can enter the lake. Sal gave a very interesting and informative talk.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Curtis** enjoyed a trip to East Grand Lake and was impressed with how clear the water was. **Frank** was sad the Connie misplaced his badge and that he introduced Davin to PP Joelle Corey at the Lobster Fest, calling him Gavin. **PDG Marie Williams** was happy to be with us once again but sad she missed the auction last month.

**50/50** – Paul drew Joel's number but Joel didn't draw the King of Clubs. After Miranda winning the pot last week, there was only \$12 in it this week.

**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](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)

**River 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

**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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