

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

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 259th day of 2015. There are 106 days remaining in the year. This morning, District Governor Sheila Rollins is with us. Our greeter is George Rice.

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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 Chris 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.

**9/16 – Public Relations Committee meeting, Tim Horton's, South Paris at 5:00 PM.**

**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**

**10/5 – Board Meeting at TD Bank in Oxford, 5:30-6:30.**

**10/7 – Val Weston and Ron Morse**

**10/14 – Beth Abbott and Phil Libby**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. We had three Special Olympians, Robert, Ruth and Zack with their helper, Jessica Dane, visit as guests of Miranda Ward. Valerie Cole was the guest of Kim Preble.

### Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice shared some info she read about on the District website. The District 7780 Storm Recovery Grant has just closed. This District grant was one of the largest ever approved in 7780. It was used to help the residents of Vermont and New Hampshire who were adversely affected by Hurricane Irene which went through the area a few years ago. It just goes to show what Rotary can do. For more info, look at the District website.

## **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – The board has approved a \$100 cash gift to the new Kittery After Hours club. George and Patty will be attending their charter evening and will present the gift to the club.

Through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club, we have received approval from Maine to move the road sign on Rt. 26. There will be a sign up sheet circulated to sign up to help to move this sign and replace the one on Rt 117.

Chris presented Dave Preble and George Rice with special coffee mugs in recognition of their efforts and hard work at the Lobster & Steak Fest.

**Bob Schott** – asked me to put this in the Reader. He was speaking with Richard Cormier, the owner of Grass Roots and the OHCHS teacher who heads up Project Graduation. It seems that Project Grad is in trouble, having issues raising money and recruiting enough volunteers for their fund raisers. Since we participate in Project Grad with the ropes course, Bob thought we should know there may not be enough money in the future to continue the program. IF anyone needs a guest speaker, Mr. Cormier would like to come and talk to us.

## **Future Dates to Remember:**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Road Toll for Special Olympics, 10:00 – 2:00

**October 17<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



**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Costume Party to fight child trafficking, 6:00PM – 9:00PM, Longfellow Square, Portland.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Road Toll for food pantries, 10:00 – 2:00.

## **Last Week:**

Program Chair Miranda Ward introduced Robert, Ruth and Zack, our Special Olympian guests. They each told us what events they participated in and shared their awards and excitement with us. Robert won a medal for the snow shoe race, his very first time out on them. He previously won a medal for soft ball. Zack participated in cross country skiing, the 2 meter dash and softball throw and he won medals for swimming. Unfortunately, I did not catch what Ruth participated in. They all thanked us for Rotary's support.

Miranda distributed "Clynk Bags" for donations of cans and bottles returned to Hannaford. Any money collected from cans and bottles turned in will go to Special Olympics. This is one of the programs administered by the Progress Center. In addition, Miranda talked about the Tree Works program in which Progress Center workers make wood products to sell, such as cutting boards, which make excellent gifts. She also talked about the Community Kitchen which started in 2008 and is now providing 200 meals every week year round to anyone in the community who wishes to go. They are also taping a cooking show which will air on NPC-TV in the future.

 **Happy Dollars**  **Dave** had an apology dollar for not being able to help with the tents last weekend. **Frank** borrowed Dave Whittier's coffee cup because he couldn't find his. He had a happy dollar for Miranda's presentation and a happy dollar for Connie whom he married 51 years ago. He said he first looked upon her as his wife, then his boss and now his nurse. **Bob** had a happy dollar for the Common Ground Fair coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup>. As in past years, he is taking the Interact kids to work at the fair on Friday morning and then enjoying the fair in the afternoon. On Saturday, they will go rafting and on Sunday, hiking, before returning home. **Patty** had a happy dollar for the tent erection crew.

**50/50** – Ed Lyons drew Curtis Cole’s number but Curtis didn’t draw the King of Clubs.

**Birthdays in September:** Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

**Anniversaries in September:** Stan and Ann Brett – 9/20; Lois and Herb Strauss – 9/20; Chris and Val Weston – 9/23.

**Membership Anniversaries in September:** Mary Lou Burns – 24 years – 9/4; Beth Abbott – 13 years – 9/11; Patty Rice – 23 years – 9/23

**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 A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Please note this is a change from last year’s room.

**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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