

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 2, 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 245th day of 2015. There are 120 days remaining in the year. PP Chris Twitchell is program chair and Bob Schott is 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.

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

**9/9 – Miranda Ward and Patty Rice**

**9/12 – Portland Rotary 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Holiday Inn By-the-Bay, Portland**

**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**

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

**10/7 – Val Weston and Ron Morse**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Guests were: Phyllis Summers who was the guest of President Chris Summers and for the last time as guests, Joseph Casalinova, Brian O'Donnell, Lynda Jack, Randy Jack and Ed Lyons from the Oxford American Legion Anderson-Staples Post 112.

### Announcements:

**President Chris** – Chris reminded us of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Portland Rotary which will be on September 12 at Holiday Inn By-the-Bay. Senator Angus Kind will be the keynote speaker. Check Portland's website for more info.

Don't forget the District Foundation Spending Assembly at USM, Portland, on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You may register on-line.

President Chris and Patty Rice will be meeting on Friday (past) with two members of the Kiwanis Club to discuss future co-operation. I'm sure Chris will have an update as to how that conversation went at today's meeting.

**Paul** – Lottery Raffle tickets are available for sale so be sure to get yours from Paul or Ron. The drawing will be 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

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

### **Last Week:**

**President Chris**, with the assistance of sponsor **Christina Twitchell**, inducted the Anderson-Staples Post 112, Oxford American Legion as our newest member. This is a unique meeting of two organizations with similar goals and objectives and we are all looking forward to a great relationship.

Our guest speaker was **Rebecca LaBranche**, Laboratory Director of A & L Laboratories in Auburn, ME. A & L is the premier private water testing company in Maine, competing mostly with the Maine State Laboratory in Augusta. A & L does water testing of all types for all water sources – dug wells, drilled wells, points and artesian. They also do testing for Radon. The two major areas of concern are Radon and arsenic although uranium is coming to the fore front as well. For Arsenic 3 and Arsenic 5, it is recommended that water be tested annually with the more comprehensive test done every 3-5 years. Radon is in the air as well as water and because “events” can alter the circumstances, it is recommended that a property be tested annually. Lead is another issue and although it has not been used for plumbing since 1986, it can be a problem in homes built before that time and a home should be tested even if the water comes from a municipal water system.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Patty** had a happy \$2000 check from Oxford Casino for the 100 lobster tickets the Casino purchased for local nursing home. **Beth** was happy that when she went to the Casino for invoices for the food we purchased for the Lobster Feed through them, they only charged us for the steaks. They did not charge us for the fries, butter and other supplies. **Lynne** had a sad dollar for school starting next week and her inability to make many meetings during the school year. She was also happy for the trip she and Bob took to Bar Harbor last week where they attended Rotary. She Bob talked a Rotarian who was the assistant director of Acadia National Park and either told him what he should do or what he is doing wrong. I didn't catch Lynne's exact words but both sound like Bob. **Frank** was happy his cardiologist told him he was “good to go.” **Lynda** was happy that the Legion

joined Rotary. **President Chris** said that he attended the Celebration Barn Theater on Friday night and that it was a fantastic experience.

**50/50** – Brian O'Donnell drew Ed Lyons' number although Dan Allen heard his number. Dan didn't draw the King of Clubs but then Ed realized he had the winning ticket (sorry Dan) so he drew. He didn't win either. The pot of \$25 rolls over another week.

**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 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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