

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 266th day of 2015. There are 99 days remaining in the year. Chris Weston is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is our own Dave Preble who will be talking about the new drug task force in Oxford Hills. Dave is also greeter this morning.

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

9/23 – 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 – Beth Abbott and Ron Morse

10/14 – Dan Allen and Glenn Huntley. Dan's guest speaker is Dolfine from Kenya who will be giving us updates on her orphanage and the Kavarondo Rotary.

10/17 – RLI, Lewiston. Register on-line if you wish to attend.

10/18 – Road Toll for Special Olympics, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fair St. by the tennis courts.

10/21 – Val Weston and John Griffith. Val's guest speaker is Glen Gordon, Director of Transportation for Community Concepts.

10/14 – 2nd Annual Bridge Walk for Polio, Portsmouth, 8:30 AM

10/28 – Anderson-Staple Post and Susan Graves

10/30 – Costume Party for Child Trafficking, Longfellow Square, Portland, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had three visiting Rotarians from Bridgton-Lake Region with us – DG Sheila Rollins and her husband, Merrill, and President George Szok. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

George and Patty Rice attended the Portland Club's 100th Anniversary dinner and they some information about the club. There were over 250 people attending which was an excellent turn-out. The Club was chartered in 1915 with

over 100 charter members, some of them very prominent members of the Portland community. It was the 177th club when it was chartered and Paul Harris visited 11 years later in 1926. Portland has sponsored 5 other clubs and they have provided 7 district governors.

Announcements:

President Chris – Chris presented Paul Thornfeldt with his 15 year perfect attendance award and pin.

The financial results of the Auction and Lobster Fest were discussed. The budget for the auction was \$12,500 and we actually made \$12,948.65. The budget for the Lobster/Steak Fest was \$3,200 and we made \$3,844.44 which I think is one of the larger totals we have made. Excellent results for both!

While talking about these two fund raisers, Stan was asked how much we made on tents this year and the total for the rentals came to \$3,820 which is also excellent.

Bob Schott – Bob talked about the Exchange Student/Interact weekend coming up September 25th-27th although it appears that only Interact students will be going. They will be attending the Common Ground Fair on Friday, volunteering in the morning for free admission in the afternoon. They will then head to Moxie Gore for rafting on Saturday and hiking on Sunday before returning home.

Bob also talked about the Project Graduation situation as was mentioned in last week's Reader.

Last Week's Program:

DG Sheila Rollins came for her official visit and gave an excellent program, emphasizing Rotary's areas of focus and some of the programs and initiatives for the Rotary 2015-2016 year.

There are 6 areas of focus – Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy and Economic and Community Development. In the District this year, we are focusing on an International Literacy Project, an Anti-Hunger Initiative, the Polio Bridge Walk, more club collaboration, a District Vocational Training Team and an Anti-slavery Initiative.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊. Frank had a sad dollar for us but a happy dollar for becoming a member of the Murdock-Port Charlotte Rotary in Florida. He also had a sad dollar for Davin as he said he could never remember how to pronounce his name so he has just decided to call him Horace. He also passed on the job as keeper of the Rays sticker on our banner to Davin. Dave had an apology dollar for being late as he had a Western Maine Addiction Task Force meeting. Patty was happy for three weeks to go for something that is not in my notes. Curtis was happy that we set two tents in Naples. Bob was happy to have rented the Moon Bounce again this weekend and he issued a rafting invitation to DG Sheila.

50/50 – Chris Weston drew Joel's number but Joel didn't draw the King of Clubs and thus missed out on \$62.

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

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 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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