

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, September 30, 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: Phil Libby - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - 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 273rd day of 2015. There are 92 days remaining in the year. This is our second evening social meeting of this Rotary year. Kim Preble 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 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.

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

**10/7 – Beth Abbott and Ron Morse**

**10/14 – Val Weston and Glenn Huntley. Val's guest speaker is Glen Gordon, Director of Transportation for Community Concepts.**

**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.**

**10/19 – Senior Dinner at Progress Center, 12:00 Noon.**

**10/21 – Dan Allen and Susan Graves. Dan's guest speaker is Dolfine from Kenya who will be giving us updates on her orphanage and the Kavarondo Rotary.**

**10/24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bridge Walk for Polio, Portsmouth, 8:30 AM**

**10/28 – Anderson-Staple Post and John Griffith**

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

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – the only announcements last week were reminders of coming events – the Bridge Walk for Polio on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth and the Halloween Costume Party for child slavery / trafficking on October 30<sup>th</sup> in Portland.

Chris presented Patty Rice with an award from RI for bringing in a new member.

**Ron Morse** – we will be having another Senior Dinner on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon at the Progress Center. It will be done in the same manner as our St. Patrick's Day Senior Dinner last March. Seating is limited to 100 and reservations can be made by calling TD Bank in Oxford. Thanks to PP Chris for volunteering her staff.

**Lois Strauss** – as of this week, Lois has one week of bed rest remaining. Unfortunately, her friend that was helping with meals had to return home so Lois is looking for help with meals for her and Herb. I sent out an e-mail earlier but in case you missed it, I am putting it in the Reader. If anyone is willing to help, I am sure Lois and Herb will appreciate it very much.

### **Last Week's Program:**

**Dave Preble** was program chair Chris Weston's guest speaker. Dave has been very involved in the new drug task force in Oxford Hills. Heroin is a growing problem and there have been 2 deaths of young people from over dosing in the last 3-4 weeks. Generally, the addiction starts with other drugs and builds to heroin which is dangerous in any way it is taken. He has noticed an uptick in the sales of syringes at his store and in talking with local EMTs, he reports that they have had an increase in the number of drug related calls for help. Paris acting police chief, Jeff Lang set up the initial meeting in August with the local medical and law enforcement community. The result was the formation of the Western Maine Addiction Task Force. There are currently 36 people on the task force and they had their third meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are starting a community wide advertising campaign to get the word out and they have met with OHCHS principal, Ted Moccia, and other school officials. The primary goals are to raise awareness, more treatment options, provide support help and working on legislation to provide drug courts, grant money and develop other resources. Anyone who is interested in attending meetings and getting involved is welcome.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊. **Val** had a happy dollar for her and Chris's 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today. She also had an announcement dollar that she is closing Village Square Realty after 36 years and will be joining Barefoot Realty. She said by doing this, she can continue doing what she loves without all of the paperwork involved in running her own office. **Ron** was happy for his and Laura's trip to Oregon where they visited with Laura's sisters. At the end of their visit, he ended up in the hospital for 2 days which has resulted in major life style changes for him (primarily diet). **Patty** was happy that she and George attended the Kittery After Hours charter night. The club greatly appreciated our donation. Dress code was beach casual so George wore his Jimmy Buffet t-shirt and shorts. **Kim** is happy to be living back in Maine after a year in Arizona. It was 3 years ago this month that her dad flew out and drove home with her. **Linda** had a happy \$5 for Paul coming down to the Legion Hall to help with Beano. He was a great hit with the ladies and this was an excellent example of how we can work together. **Bob** was happy that his granddaughter was going rafting this weekend. **Patty's** happy dollar that I missed last week was for Lois who was doing well and only had 3 weeks of bed rest remaining (now down to 2). We're thinking of you, Lois!

**50/50** – Pat Cook drew John Griffith's number, but John drew the 6 of Diamonds. The pot rolls over.

**October Birthdays:** Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Terry Cole – 10/26

**October Anniversaries:** Bob and Irina Kahn – 10/5; Curtis and Terry Cole – 10/6; Beth and Mike Abbott – 10/11

**October Membership Anniversaries:** Glenn Huntley – 31 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Weston – 2 yrs. – 10/9; Bob and Irina Kahn – 7 yrs. – 10/15; Tally Decato – 22 yrs. – 10/20; Chris Twitchell – 4 yrs. – 10/26

**Thought for the Week:**

**"Experience is what you get when you don't get what you wanted".**

**Randy Pausch**

**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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