

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

**Wednesday, September 9, 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 252nd day of 2015. There are 113 days remaining in the year. Miranda Ward is program chair today. Her guests will be three Special Olympians and she will be talking about the Progress Center's home based nutrition intervention program. Patty Rice 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.

**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. Phyllis Summers, guest of President Chris, visited for the last time before heading home to Tennessee. We enjoyed having you again this year, Phyllis, and look forward to seeing you next summer.

### **Rotary Moment:**

**Bob asked us some questions about Polio Plus**

- 1. What happened in 1979?** (The idea of vaccinating kids began with one Rotarian in the Philippines).
- 2. What happened in 1985?** (Polio Plus began).
- 3. What happened in 1988?** (Polio Plus became global, joining with Unicef and the CDC).

## **Announcements:**

**President Chris** – Two road tolls have been scheduled, one of which that was already on the schedule, October 18 for Special Olympics. The second will now be on November 8 for the food pantries. This is the one that was originally scheduled for August 16.

President Chris and Patty Rice met with Kiwanis on Friday, August 28, to discuss issues related to the storage trailers and tents. It turns out that the Kiwanis Club purchased the two storage trailers and agreed to let us use one in exchange for their using two of our tents for their pancake breakfast. Through the years and changes in administrations, this was kind of forgotten. Everyone agreed that we should continue with this agreement. President Chris asked for a written agreement so that future club members would not forget. The Kiwanians also agreed to our having our own padlock and combination, and not to enter our trailer without permission and a Rotarian present.

We now have two correct replacement road signs. President Chris is working with Kiwanis to move the existing sign from in front of Pizza Hut (where it is near invisible) to a location in front of Ocean State where we put our temporary signs for the Auction and Lobster Fest. We will also replace the signs by Norway Lake. We will put the two smaller signs we originally ordered on posts on the Hebron Rd. and Buckfield Rd.

**Ron** – Lottery Raffle tickets have been handed out to all members. If everyone sells all 10 books that they have, we will make \$2500. The drawing will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Future Dates to Remember:**

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

**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.

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

## **Last Week:**

**Treasurer Pat** – reviewed the income and expenses for the Auction and Lobster & Steak Fest. She also discussed and gave us an itemization of the budget and expenses for both 2014 and 2015. We were provided with handouts of same. If you have any questions, speak to Pat.

**PP Christina** gave a classification talk, telling us about her career in banking. She gave a very interesting and entertaining talk!

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Frank** had a sad dollar for Ron, something about \$5.05 that I did not catch. He had happy dollars for a visit with Lois Strauss and another for the scheduled removal of a kidney stone that was delayed due to his heart surgery. **Bob** had a sad dollar for Dan not being here. It seems Bob paid his Capital One bill over the phone and when the clerk asked if there was anything else she could do, Bob told her she could send him a pot of gold. Lo and behold, a few days later Bob received a package in the mail with a pot of gold, gold not included. **Kim** was happy to be back after missing a couple of weeks due to other commitments. She thanked us for helping with the back pack project and had a 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary congratulations for her parents. **Dave** said he and Becky attended the Street Dance and it was awesome. He was also happy for the formation of a local task force to combat heroin in the Oxford Hills, although sad to say it has become a very bad problem. When **Miranda**

and Dan Ward's twins were born 4 weeks early, they stayed at the Ronald MacDonald house in Boston which was a god send to them. As a result, she was happy to say that she has sponsored a family to stay at the house for a month.

**50/50** – Glenn drew Paul's number but Paul didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$38 in the pot.

**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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