

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills

P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268

Rotary Theme for 2010-2011: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

2011-2012 Officers and Directors: Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee - Governor District 7780 Gary Speers - Oxford Hills President Beth Abbott - President-Elect Robert Schott - Vice-President OPEN - Secretary Jack Richardson - Treasurer Pat Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Joelle Corey-Whitman. Directors - Dan Allen, Steve Galvin, Dave Preble and Ken Whitman.

Club website - www.oxfordhillsrotary.org - District website - www.rotary7780.org.

Today's Speaker is Scott Smith.

Our Greeter today is Frank Shorey.

Please let IPP Joelle know who you have for a speaker so it can be published in upcoming issues.

Sept. 7 Rebecca has Linda Walbridge. Greeter is Lynne Schott.

Program Chairs and Greeters

Sept 14 - Linda Earle and Bob Schott

Sept 21 - Steve Galvin and Jack Richardson

Sept 28 - Beth Garza and Patty Rice

Oct 5 - Susan Graves and George Rice

Last Week...

Visiting Rotarian was Al Barth from the Bethel RC. One visiting guest was Jessie Hill, son-in-law of Dave Carter.

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- Dave Preble updated us on the Lobster and Steak Fest. 363 pre-sold tickets of which 276 were lobster. 341 total dinners sold. Profit of about \$3300. and \$62.00 from the 50/50.

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- **Bob Schott and President Beth updated us on the Road Toll and \$1350 was raised toward our Polio Goal of \$1500. A can is being passed around each week for us to reach our goal.**

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- Beth Garza's ticket was drawn, but Rob drew two blue balls in her honor. The pot should now be over \$120.00.

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- **REMEMBER that the September 14th meeting will be held in the evening at Ron and Laura Morse's house, not as a breakfast meeting.**

- **Additional details will follow.**

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- September Birthday's

September 6 - Dawne Willton

Wife of Paul Thornfeldt

September 13 - Stephanie Hinkley

Significant other of Rob Armstrong

September 22 - Ken Whitman

September 26 - Paul Thornfeldt

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September Anniversary's

September 18 - Joelle and David Corey-Whitman

September 20 - Stan and Ann Marie Brett

September 20 - Lois and Herb Strauss

September 21 - Larry and Jane Jordan

September 23 - Valerie and Chris Weston

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- We still need a Vice-President for this year. This person would be President for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. Please give it some serious thought as it is a rich and rewarding experience.

- **Last Week's Speaker...**

Kevin Hancock was our speaker last week and he gave us some very interesting facts about the wood and lumber business. Hancock Lumber has been in

business since 1848 and has been in only one family since that time, over 6 generations.

- * They strive to have long term relationships with their customers.
- * His dad, Dave, taught at Oxford High School and then Oxford Hills High School.
- * The yard in Casco was the first and South Paris was the second.
- * Kevin taught history at Bridgton Academy.
- * He has the original contract to build a sawmill from 1848.
- * They grow, harvest and cut their own lumber and own 13,000 acres, mostly in Cumberland County.
- * It takes about 80 years to grow a pine tree, therefore they have had only two crops since the beginning of the company.
- * They are environmentally friendly, "Always have been Green".
- * 11 store locations and three sawmills in Maine and New Hampshire.
- * 400 employees and 100 million dollars in sales.
- * Exports produce to Canada, Caribbean, Pakistan, Germany, China, Vietnam and Korea.

Happy Dollars

Irina was happy that her family was all together this weekend and they all attended the Lobster and Steak Fest.

Larry told us that he thanked a driver at the road toll and the man responded by saying "NO, Thank You".

Dave Preble thanked everyone who participated in the Lobster and Steak Fest.

Lynne was asked how to get to LL Beans from the road toll and she was finally able to say "You can't get there, from here".

Rob was sad to have missed the L&SF, but he was surprised by Stephanie for his birthday.

Dave Carter told us that we grow a nice selection and crop of trees here in Western Maine, but corn grows faster. What's he doing, trying to drum up some business?

Dan Allen was happy to emcee the Miss Blueberry contest at the union Fair. Did the lady smurf win again? He also thanked Kevin Hancock for being our speaker.

Glenn was happy that the Norway Fish and Game building was dedicated recently. Noted that It was dedicated to Leon Truman and that Hancock Lumber donated much of the material.

Patty was happy for the good signage at the L&SF.

Bob Schott wanted to know what the optimum number of pine trees they can get out of an acre. Kevin stated that it all depends on the quality and size and at which point in the growth process you want to count them.

Bob also is looking for a volunteer on 9/11 from 10-2 to man the Rotary display table at the Oxford County Fair.

Larry asked about how much the technology has changed in the sawmill business in the last 40 years. Kevin stated that much of the cutting is done with few workers and that most of the wood is cut using computers and lasers to determine how a log should be cut for maximum benefit. Mill tours are available on request.

PLEASE - If you haven't updated your profile on the club website, please do so. If we don't have the correct information in your profile mistakes can be made.

Upcoming Events

Our child, the Rotary Club of Bridgton, Maine is celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a dinner on September 24th. Look forward to an invitation to join them on that special day. We have arranged to give them a new locally made gavel as a gift.

MMM!!! Remember, Memberships Matters.

The New Rotary year started July 1st.

"\$100. per year per Rotarian".

You can give \$2.00 per week, \$10. a month for ten months, or just write a check for \$100.