

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills
P.O. Box 14, Norway, Maine 04268
Rotary Theme for 2012-2013:
"Peace Through Service"

Wednesday, March 8, 2013

2012-2013 Officers and Directors: Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka - Governor District 7780 Marty Peak Helman - Oxford Hills President Robert Schott - President-Elect David Preble - Vice-President Christina Twitchell - Secretary Jack Richardson - Treasurer Patricia Cook - Sergeant at Arms Stan Brett. Past President - Beth Abbott. Directors - Foundation chair - Larry Jordan, Membership chair - Dan Allen, Publicity chair - Steve Galvin, and Community and Club Service Ronald Morse.
Club website - www.oxfordhillsrotary.org - District website - www.rotary7780.org.

Welcome Foreign Exchange Students

WELCOME

**Today's program is meeting District 7780's
Foreign Exchange Students.**

Please let President Bob or Program Chair Dave Preble know who you have for a speaker so it can be published in upcoming issues.

Program Chairs and Greeters

3/13 - Students of the Month and Beth Abbott.

3/20 - Rebecca Dowse and Val Weston

3/27 - Steve Galvin and Chris Twitchell

**4/3 - Students of the Month and Paul
Thornfeldt**

4/10 - Susan Graves and Chris Summers

4/17 - Glenn Huntley and Joel Speakman

4/24 - Larry Jordan and Jack Sours

Last Weeks . . .

Last week SADG, DGND 2015-2016, Sheila Rollins from the Bridgton club was our guest. Sheila is also the team leader of the Group Study Exchange Team which is going to Nigeria from April 19th to May 13th. She will be speaking on April 2nd at the Fryeburg RC regarding the trip.

We sang Happy Birthday to Ron Morse. Dan's Rotary Minute was about membership decreasing in the US and increasing in developing countries.

Our esteemed President-Elect **Dave Preble** is at P.E.T.S. this week. Who knows what P.E.T.S. is? And, it has nothing to do with dogs and cats.

Last week we discussed this year's auction, flea market, etc. to see what the feelings were with club members. The Kiwanians are definitely not involved. Possible date is Saturday, July 20th, the weekend of the Oxford 250 car race. We voted to have it at the high school versus another venue. We will develop a strategy to decide what to and what not to take for the auction.

Phil Libby reminded us that the Career Fair is being held at the Jr. High School on April 5th. He will have the times for us. Here is the perfect opportunity for us to share our career experience with the students and providing them information your particular field.

The Bethel club has invited us to join them in a wine, chess and hor's doerves social on March 16 from 6-8 in Bethel. Bruce Powell guarantees that you will be quite satisfied with the food and does not recommend eating dinner that night.

50/50 drawing. Susan Graves pulled Chris Summer's ticket but he missed the elusive King of Clubs. The 50/50 prize is now over \$320+.

We are reminded that the high school Interact meets in Room B-1-12 on Thursdays at 2:30 PM. Attending the meeting is considered a makeup.

Birthday's

3/11 - Val Weston

3/18 - Bob Kahn - 3/21 - John Griffith

3/23 - Jack Sours - 3/31 - Ann Marie Brett

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sat. March 30 - Grants Management Seminar in Westbrook from 8-12 AM.

Sat. April 6th - District Assembly in Portland from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Sat. April 6th - Special Olympics Dance 8 - Midnight. Featured are the *Road Kings Band*.

Sat. May 11 - MayDay Playday, 9-1 at OHCHS.

Fri. & Sat. May 17th and 18th - District Conference in Boothbay Harbor.

Fri-Sun, June 14-16 - Exchange Students Adventure.

Sun-Wed, June 23-26 - Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. *See you there!*

Sun-Wed, June 23-26 - Rotary Youth Leadership RYLA.

July 3rd - breakfast will be a joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club as the 4th falls on their regularly scheduled meeting day.

August 17th - Annual Lobster and Steak Dinner at the OHCHS.

Happy Dollars . . .

Patty was happy that the girl calf was born and was named Dorrie Rice. Still waiting for Nemo to enter the world.

Dan wanted to see who remembered tire chains on school buses. A few did. Somebody said **Frank Shorey** probably can't remember school buses as the combustion engine wasn't invented when he went to school.

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Celebrating Rotary's Birthday

Saturday, February 23, is Rotary's anniversary, and clubs around the District carried out "Stuff the Bus" projects to raise food and funds for their local food pantries. Stay tuned for the final numbers; what's clear is that all the Rotarians involved had a great time, and their local food pantries (and neighbors) will be the better for it. Shaw's Supermarkets had partnered with us for this event, and other grocery stores got involved as well.

Then, that evening, the snow held off long enough for the District-wide Frugal Feast at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. Frugality – but great dining and great entertainment – was the order of the day. Catering was via A Fine Kettle of Fish, owned and operated by Governor Nominee Designate Sheila Rollins, and the evening was organized and MCed by Assistant Governor Peggy Belanger.

We were entertained by the Harbour Singers, an a cappella group that sings to hospice patients. And then Drew Demsch, the executive director of Ferry Beach Ecology School spoke. He outreaches to public school students to introduce them to ecology in a holistic way.

Mike McGovern, our Rotary Foundation Trustee, was, as always, inspirational and incredible. He spoke of the new Essence Statement of Rotary, which is to unite leaders to exchange ideas around the world. He also spoke of the incredible reach of The Rotary Foundation. Over the years, Rotarians have immunized 2 billion children and raised \$1.2 billion for polio eradication. We have raised another \$500 million for Matching Grants, and \$56 million for District Simplified Grants.

We've sent over 71,000 people on a Group Study Exchange, and 42,000 more on master's level Ambassadorial Scholarships. And, oh, yes: 1,350,000 people have been named Paul Harris Fellows along the way.

At the end of the evening, everyone agreed that the idea of remembering how fortunate we are and indulging just a little less was a super way to remember Rotary's birthday.

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