



# Norway-Paris Kiwanis

## SPEAKERS

**May 29 - NO MEETING**

Key Club Banquet 6 p.m. - Culinary Arts

**June 5 - Jack Day - Camp To Belong**

South Paris Congregational-noon

**June 12 - Lauren Dembski - REACH**

SAD 17 board room-noon

**June 19 - Crooked River Counseling**

Harper Center-7:30 a.m.

**June 26 - Assemble child safety kits**

Oxford Advent-noon

**July 3 - Joint meeting-Rotary**

So Paris Congregational-7:30 a.m.

**July 10 - Safe Voices-Diane Gallagher**

SAD 17 board room-noon

**July 17 - Travis Mill Project-Suz. Grover**

Harper Center-7:30 a.m.

**July 24 - Evening Cruise with Rotary**

Songo River Queen, Naples - 7-8 p.m.

**July 31 - NO MEETING - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**Aug. 7 - Glen Holmes - West ME Growth**

South Paris Congregational-noon

**Aug. 14 - Foster care - "Bags of Love"**

SAD 17 board room-noon

**Aug. 21 - Teen Services - Cynthia Riley**

Harper Center-7:30 a.m.

**Aug. 28 - Murder Mystery working meet**

Oxford Advent-noon

**Sept. 4 - Big Brothers Big Sisters**

South Paris Congregational-noon

**NEXT MEETING:** Noon -Thursday, May 22 - Oxford Advent

**PROGRAM:** Dennis Yates, Norway Fire Department

May 15 attendance: 17 members, 19 total - 50-50: \$299 - ☺☺☺☺ Neil Elder

**GUESTS:** Melonie Wright of Mary Anna and speaker Terri Mulks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board approved the membership application of Melonie Wright of Walmart. She lives in Harrison. Although we won't be having a regular meeting next week, the Key Club banquet will be held at 6 p.m. with a pot luck dinner. A sign-up sheet began circulating last week. Upcoming events include the Senior Picnic June 3, Project Graduation BBQ June 7 and E-waste collection June 21. Phil Corneliusen reported that the Kiwanis tent will be going up twice next month: Project Graduation and a cancer walk. Sarah Glynn reported that \$125 helmets were given out and parents applauded the bike repair crew's efforts.



## SPEAKER

Terri Mulks, Camp Director for Camp Susan Curtis, talked about the summer camp for economically disadvantaged children. She reminded us that the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club has been in partnership with the camp since 1991, donating anywhere from \$800 to \$2,400 each year. "To us, that is so meaningful because we do serve large numbers from your area," Terri said. From referrals made by schools across the state, 500 of the best candidates are chosen to attend free-of-charge each year. Last year saw 104 campers from Oxford County and 58 of those came from our service



area, she said. Over the last 40 years, 2,500 campers have come from Oxford County and two-thirds of those came from our service area. "One thing about Camp Susan Curtis that makes it unique and different is that we want all of our kids to be successful, not just at camp, but outside of camp," Terri said. "So when they come, we're helping them to establish habits and skills which are going to help them with lifelong achievement." Camp Susan Curtis is located on 100 acres in East Stoneham on Trout Lake. The camp is an independent, statewide 501(c)(3) founded in 1971 as a non-profit charitable organization. When Gov. Kenneth Curtis and Pauline were in the Blaine House, their daughter Susan passed away. A foundation was born to honor her memory. The camp grew out of a vision "to overcome the effects of poverty for some of Maine's most vulnerable children." The mission of the Susan L. Curtis Charitable Foundation and Camp Susan Curtis is "to build the individual character, self-confidence and self-esteem of economically disadvantaged Maine children through the provision of tuition-free, high-quality camping, educational, and social experiences." Terri said the staff likes campers who have there for four years or more. This year, 24% fall into that category and the number is growing. "When they've been with us that long, 96% of them go on to graduate from high school," she said, noting that 74% from last year have reapplied to come back, a 10% increase. At the directors meeting, the board voted to boost the club's donation to a total of \$2,400. Thank you to Bill Stockwell for inviting Terri. Camp Clean-up Day is set for June 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for anyone interested in volunteering. Lunch will be provided.



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