

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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."

2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 265th day of 2016. There are 101 days remaining in the year. Welcome to our special evening meeting at Paris Hill Country Club with District Governor Marge Barker.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-743-6129 or at griffs2@roadrunner.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

9/28 – Mary Lou Burns and John Griffith. Mary Lou's guest speaker will be Pat Carson from OHCHS who will be talking about the Roberts Farm Project.

10/3 – October board meeting at Joel's office, Edward Jones, in South Paris at 5:30 PM.

10/5 – Pat Cook and Susan Graves. Pat's guest speaker will be Finn Melanson from the League of Women Voters who will be talking about Ranked Choice voting.

10/9 – ? Road Toll in South Paris? from 10:00 – 2:00.

10/12 – Susan Graves and Beth Garza

10/19 – Beth Garza and Tally Decato

10/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner from 4:30 to 6:00. Two volunteers needed.

10/26 – Tally Decato and Pat Cook

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had two visiting Rotarians, PDG Peter Johnson and PDG Carolyn Johnson. Tina Fox was the guest of Lynne Schott.

Proposed Member: Tina Fox has been proposed as a member by Lynne Schott. Tina is our new Interact Advisor at OHCHS. Her classification will be Education – Interact. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President Joel – The Student of the Month Program starting November 9 will be a little different this year. There will be different themes for each month and students will be nominated by their teachers on the basis of that theme and how they relate to it.

Beth Abbott - There was some confusion over the t-shirt order. We needed a minimum of 25 which the board voted to purchase in order to have them on hand for new members and current members who wished to purchase an additional shirt or replace a worn shirt. In addition, members can add to the order of 25 going in if they wish to purchase an additional shirt now.

Pat Cook – participated in the District Literature Project on the 17th at Ruth’s Reusable Resources in Portland.

Dan Allen – speaking of the Literacy Project, the box of books at Oxford Elementary School is empty. We made a commitment to keep it full, so if you have any new or used children’s books, please bring them in.

Susan Graves – Oxford Federal Credit Union is a collection point for the Musical Instrument Drive currently going on in the school district. If anyone has any used instruments in good condition that students can borrow, please drop them off.

Patty Rice – passed around a get well card for AG Cathy Sullivan who is experiencing a return of her cancer.

John Griffith and Dan Hart worked the serving line at the Progress Center Community dinner on the 15th. The crowd was smaller than usual, probably because of the Fair.

Last Week: On behalf of Program Chair, the American Legion Post, Linda Jack introduced Debra Couture, Americanism Officer for the American Legion in Maine. Debra retired as a captain from the military, working in the medical field. After her service, she worked for the Maine Emergency Management Agency for a time before accepting her current position. She is a 20 year Rotarian and PP of the Gardiner, Maine, Rotary Club. As Americanism officer, her job is to get the word out about what the Legion does in Maine. One of the things that she is responsible for is Boys State (and Girls State) which has seen a steady decline in participation through the years, dropping from 600 at its peak to 230 last year. Debra’s goal is to get attendance to 250 this year and to build on that. It costs \$300 per student to send them to Boys State for the weekend. Through the Legion and donations, attending is free to all who wish to go. Other things she is involved in are the flag programs and the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program in conjunction with the MSP Criminal Justice Academy.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - **Lynne** was happy because Bob finally got bored at camp and came home. I did not catch the location, but **Lois** was happy that she and Herb were going to take advantage of the stay at a Residence Inn and a 2 hour cruise she won in the auction at the district conference. **George** had a thank you dollar for those who helped with the Lobster Feed at the Veteran’s Home on the 10th. **Dave** was happy to be back from Alaska, a trip he and Becky thoroughly enjoyed. He also told us that Sam Sessions fell off a roof and has several broken bones, including 15 ribs! **Kim** was happy for the summer meal program – 1600 meals were provided to local kids. **Dan** was happy for the choir he is directing. **Carolyn Johnson** had a happy to be here dollar as did our guest speaker, **Debra Couture**. **Rachel** had an announcement dollar that she is taking a new position as a Risk and Compliance Specialist at her bank.

50/50 – We had a winner! Ed Lyons drew Susan’s number and Susan drew the King of Clubs, winning the pot of \$317.00.

September Birthdays: Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) 9/6; Rachel Brown – 9/18; Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

September Anniversaries: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 9/20; Lois & Herb Strauss – 9/20; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries: Mary Lou Burns – 25 yrs. – 9/4; Beth Abbott – 14 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 24 yrs. – 9/23

Remember: We can order Rotary clothing directly from Companycasuals.com/thisisrotary.

Did you know September 16th was Play Doh Day?

This playful modeling clay has entertained kids' imaginations and inspired arts and crafts projects since the mid-1950's when it hit the market. Originally composed of flour, water, salt, boric acid and mineral oil, the product was first manufactured in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a wallpaper cleaner.

**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?

Make-ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton.

www.lakeregionrotary.org

Fryeburg – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

www.fryeburgrotary.org

River Valley – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2nd floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org

Interact – Thursday, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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