

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.”

2017-2018 Officers:

Rotary International President: Ian Risely - District 7780 Governor: David Underhill – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Weston – Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-pres.: Pat Cook – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Joel Speakman – Club Service Chair: Chris Summers – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 10th day of 2018. There are 355 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the January Students of the Month with us. Our greeter is Lynne Schott.

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 207-461-7158 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.

1/13 – After the Holidays Holiday Party at the VFW Hall in Harrison, 5:30 PM

1/17 – Patty Rice and Patty Rice

1/18 – Help at Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30PM – 6:00PM – Please note this is a corrected date as it was listed incorrectly last week.

1/24 – Lynne Schott and George Rice

1/31 – Evening Social and Dave Preble. Location TBA

2/7 – Club Assembly and Ron Morse

2/14 – February Students of the Month and Glenn Huntley

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. William Cronin was the guest of Glenn Huntley and Sullivan Ward was the guest of his mother, Miranda Ward.

Rotary Moment – Bob compared the deaths in Maine from those who overdose on drugs with those who smoke. Smoking continues to be a much larger problem.

Proposed Member - **William Cronin** has been proposed as a member by Glenn Huntley. William is a new salesperson at Ripley & Fletcher Ford.

If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

John – Don't forget to hand in your ROTY nominations. The committee will be meeting this week to make their decision.

PP Joel – please get your final reservations in for the 5 Club After the Holidays Holiday party on January 13 at 5:30 PM at the Harrison VFW Hall on Rt. 35, just outside of Harrison Village. Catered buffet dinner and BYOB. Cost is \$25 per person.

Last Week:

President Chris – welcomed members and opened the meeting with Dan's assistance by leading members in singing HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO STAN!! This week's meeting is club assembly following last Tuesday's board meeting.

President Chris asked PE George Rice to describe the progress made in planning for 501c3 status. We have one final form to send that will allow us to file a special IRS form as a charitable organization. We will actually have two organizations: one will be or original Rotary Club with all of us as working members and the other will be the smaller charitable trust that will allow us to give donors receipts for items. We will all still be working together on projects. Details are being discussed now and more information will be developed.

George also requested that members take a look at the 3 ring binder with your name, your participation in events and the time you gave this past calendar year. Please update your info.

PP Chris Summers asked about the ROTY award. There was some discussion about announcing it at the January 13th social in Harrison. It was left open to discuss with John. (That is not enough time to order the necessary accoutrements to do so, ed.). Joel and Stan are following up on the details about the social and who is coming.

Treasurer Louise Campbell noted that since the Club has already expended \$46,000, we will surpass the \$50,000 IRS mark by the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2018. This requires us to file the full long form with the IRS.

Valerie Weston reviewed Bill Chadwick's 'Clean Water Guatemala' synopsis with us. Bill represents the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club. They worked hard to qualify for a "Club based project" rather than a Global grant because the grant process takes so long. They were pleasantly surprised with 16 District 7780 clubs gave their support to the effort. Yes, we are one of them. The recent update is that they have established the best place to drill and they will be installing an electric pump and high quality generator to fill retaining tanks for distribution to the community. They thanked us for our contribution.

Lastly, President Chris gave his classification talk. He was born and raised in Damariscotta then moved to Norway where he spent his teen years and began doing chores for the local funeral home. As a result, they suggested the he become a Funeral Director and helped him through the rigorous training program in Boston. It takes about four years of formal education and training to become a director. The rest, many of us know, is that he was extremely successful and grew the business. On a more personal note, he told us how much it meant to him to be able to assist families during a very difficult time. He's earned his retirement!!

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Lynne** was happy because Bob is working on their house and they had fun with the kids over Christmas. **Ron** announced that he and Laura have been happily married for 59 years. Congratulations! **Dan A.** has two vehicles not working and Len helped him out; he had issues with pipes and another Dan helped him out; then there was a family marriage proposal at Christmas. Dan is happy having so many people being good to him. **Dave** announced that he will be having hip replacement surgery in April – both hips. **Glenn** was happy that his family visited from Vancouver.

50/50 – Val's number was drawn but she drew the Seven of Hearts. Ugh! There was \$124 in the pot.

January Birthdays – Stan Brett 1/3; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Susan Graves – 1/12; Dan Allen – 1/22

December Anniversaries – None Listed

December Membership Anniversaries: Dan Hart – 34 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 35 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 24 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 26 yrs. – 1/8; Lois Strauss – 15 yrs. – 1/15; Susan Graves – 15 yrs. – 1/29

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, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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