

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 17th day of 2018. There are 348 days remaining in the year. The lines crossed and Patty Rice is both program chair and greeter this morning. Patty will be updating us on the club’s website and Facebook pages.

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.

1/17 – Fireside Chat with William Cronin at Dunkin’ Donuts in Norway, 5:00 PM.

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 – The evening social is cancelled. We will have our regular weekly morning meeting. George Rice’s speaker, Christopher Paradis from the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club could not attend on the 24th so will be speaking this morning. Dave Preble is greeter.

2/5 – February board meeting at Joel’s office, 5:30 PM

2/7 – Club Assembly and Ron Morse

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

2/21 - Joel Speakman and Dan Hart

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: The January Students of the Month and their families were our guests last week. There were no other guests or visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment – Lynne congratulated the Students of the Month and their parents for bringing up such fine students. She expressed the idea that these Students and many others like them are the future of Rotary and that we, as Rotarians, must do more to attract them to Rotary and a life of service to others.

Announcements:

AG Chris, Pat and John – have met and based on the nominations received, have chosen the Rotarian of the Year for 2017.

Tina Fox – a sign-up sheet to be on the May Day Play Day committee was circulated. A date and time for a meeting will be forthcoming. If you wish to serve on the committee and did not have a chance to sign up, please speak to Tina.



The 5 Club Social on Saturday was well attended. The meal was excellent and all went off without a hitch. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and aside from where there was frozen standing water left from the rain storm, the driving was fine. A good time was had by all!

Last Week:

President Chris – welcomed the students, their families and our members to the meeting. Dan led us in singing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to SUSAN GRAVES. We had a terrific breakfast of cheese omelets, ham and fried potato, in addition to the usual fruit and cereal.

Tina Fox said a few words about the Student of the Month program. The theme for the January students was Grit: students who show a passion for a particular long term goal along with a powerful motivation to achieve that goal. The student's write ups are on the last page of the Reader.

After the introductions of the students and presentation of their plaques, Dan Allen briefly talked about the 4-Way Test and presented the students with a 4-Way Test coin key ring. President Chris then showed a video on Polio Plus and the work that is being done in Pakistan.

 Happy Dollars  - Either we weren't happy or were in a hurry to leave - we only had one happy dollar – **Dan A.** was happy to be at the meeting.

50/50 – Dan's number was drawn but his happiness was short lived as he did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$136 in the pot.

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

January Anniversaries – None Listed

January 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

Something to think about:

Alexis de Tocqueville on America in 1838: “Scarcely have you descended on the soil of America when you find yourself in the midst of a sort of tumult; a confused clamor is raised on all sides; a thousand voices come to your ear at the same time, each of them expressing some social needs.”

“Citizens assemble with the sole goal of declaring that they disapprove of the course of government, to meddle in the government of society and to speak about it is the greatest business and, so to speak, the only pleasure that an American knows....an American does not know how to converse, but he discusses; he does not discourse, but he holds forth. He always speaks to you as to an assembly.”

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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January Students of the Month:

9th Grade – Jream Tripp – nominated by Erin Morrell, Rachel Heikkinen and Mark Sohren

“Jream does an excellent job working toward a goal. He know what he wants to accomplish and he makes choices that he knows will help him accomplish it. He is kind and hard working and Jream works so hard to get his work done, keeping in mind that his end goal is to play college football. He’s not afraid to ask his teachers for help and always has his work done on time. He’s also very dedicated to lifting weekly with his team. English is obviously not Jream’s favorite subject but he makes a point to ask for help when he needs it. He wants to play college football and he makes sure to do anything that he can to help him to make it, including working very hard in classes that he may not enjoy.”

10th grade – Jessica Bohuslaw – nominated by Cindi Kugell

“Jessica really listens to and learns from feedback. She perseveres and is doing well tracking her own growth. I am super proud of her. Jessica has been working hard to increase her craftsmanship in art class. She isn’t willing to give up and I have seen an increase in her self-reflection around the work she produces.”

11th grade – Madison Sheppard – nominated by Phil Hammett

“Maddy is very passionate about art. Even though she has a job that keeps her busy on the weekends, she still keeps a sketch book in which she creates fabulous portraits and other colored pencil drawings.”

“This fall she exhibited her prints at an arts and crafts show and last week she created and submitted a portrait of a friend in the Scholastic Art Awards. This took a lot of determination, involving a registration process and researching what pieces would fit their criteria. She managed this along with her job, her homework and her devotion to Planet Arts.”

12th grade – Haid Tanous – nominated by Diane Waters

“Had has a goal to go into art. He taught himself how to draw. It did not come naturally to him. Who does that?”

Haid has applied to three colleges and wants to major in art with a minor in English or history. Outside of school, he enjoys playing the piano, exercising and reading – as well as drawing for pleasure. This is Haid’s second time as a Student of the Month. He was also nominated during his freshman year.