

# 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.”

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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome:** Today is the 24th day of 2018. There are 341 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair this morning and George Rice is greeter.

**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](mailto: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.

**1/31 – 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Dan Hart**

**2/15 – Help at Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**2/21 - Joel Speakman and John Griffith**

**2/28 – AG Chris Summers and Susan Graves**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. William Cronin was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

**Rotary Moment –** Greeter Patty Rice brought our attention to a Letter to the Editor of the Rotarian magazine on “What is Rotary?” and the struggle to convey to the public just what Rotary does as an organization and a local club. A couple of years ago, the writer’s club’s PR committee came up with a five word answer: **“People meeting people helping people.”**

## Announcements:

President Chris – the January 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening dinner was a great success. We had 42 reservations but 49 attended. Fortunately, there was plenty of delicious food. We had two membership inductions and a Paul Harris presentation scheduled but unfortunately due to earlier travel conditions, people were not able to attend. However, the driving that evening was not too bad as the freezing rain and sleet we were supposed to have did not completely materialize.

Tina Fox – the May Day Play Day committee meeting was held last week and eight people attended. Tina will probably have more to report this morning.

## Last Week:

Patty Rice presented a program on our Club Runner entitled “the How, What and Where”. It was very helpful and informative. Unfortunately, a lot of members were absent so perhaps Patty can do an update later in the year.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Glenn – had a call from his friend, Bill Castle, from the Zephyrhills Rotary wondering where he was. Beth told us about an article in Downeast Magazine about the Riverside Lodge and Sauna. Linda Jack said that she and Randy had gotten involved with the “Horses Across Maine” event. This was started by Peter Seames – a horseback trip across Maine to raise funds for Veterans. They are selling calendars for the month of February for \$10 – with a prize drawing every day. See Linda if you are interested in purchasing a calendar. AG Chris said he talked with Paul Thornfeldt. Paul told him there were frost warnings for southern Texas and that he (Paul) went to a very strange Rotary meeting.

50/50 – William Cronin drew George Campbell’s number but George didn’t draw the King of Clubs. The pot was up to \$144.

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

## Thought for the Week:

“A community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess.”

~ A. Philip Randolph ~  
(1889-1979)

## 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

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

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

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

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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