

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:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome and Happy New Year! Today is the 25th day of 2017. There are 340 days remaining in the year and only 11 months to Christmas. This week, we are having our evening Visioning Meeting, so there is no morning meeting.

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.

1/28 – Tentative shopping and delivery date for the food pantries, 9:00AM at Hannaford.

1/30 – Mid-year Dinner, Fireside Inn & Suites, Westbrook, 5:30PM – 9:00PM.

2/1 – February Students of the Month and George Rice

2/6 – February Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30PM.

2/8 – Bob Schott and Kim Preble

2/15 – Lynne Schott and Dave Preble

2/22 – Chris Summers and Glenn Huntley

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Announcements:

President Joel – Clarification of our storm policy – if there is no school or a delay, on a Wednesday, we will not meet. Please be sure to check the no school announcements before heading out.

Our next board meeting will be on February 6 as there is a conflict with the Mid-year Dinner on January 30th (Since corrected in the calendar).

Remember that there is no morning meeting next week as we will be having an evening Visioning meeting at 4:45. Come and have something to eat before the meeting begins.

John Griffith – We received wish lists from the pantries and are awaiting pricing info on bulk items so we know how much remaining we will have to spend when we shop. I heard from Beth Abbott this morning who is helping me with this and we are on schedule to shop and deliver this coming Saturday, the 28th. Meet at Hannaford at 9:00 AM.

Frank Shorey – sent a message to me to put in the Reader – “The Murdock Rotary Club of Port Charlotte has had no meetings cancelled due to the weather. Just thought you would like to know.”

Last Week:

We had a fairly small group. I guess the fact that we missed the previous two weeks due to the weather made it difficult for folks to get up and get moving on Wednesday morning.

Rev. Don Mayberry was our guest speaker. He was scheduled to speak to us at our meeting the day before Thanksgiving, but had to bow out due to laryngitis. However, his message on thankfulness, helping others and conciliation was just as appropriate now as it was then – and it was delivered with his usual graciousness and humor.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Dan was happy to find out that some parents were helping out with the Oxford Elementary School Library Project, so much so that they have enough books to last the rest of the school year. Dan is considering offering the same project to other schools in the district. Lynne was happy that her mother recognized a scammer on the phone who was pretending to be her grandson. Glenn had a thank you dollar for Rev. Mayberry and was glad that he (Glenn) was a part of our community because so many good things are happening. Bob was happy to be recognized by a foreign exchange student on the ski slope. President Joel was happy for the snow and economic activity it brings. He said that the weekend after our large snow storm set a record at Sunday River with over 10,000 skiers.

50/50 – Susan drew Chris Weston’s number but Chris didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$170 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 – 32 years – 1/1; Dave Preble – 33 years – 1/1; Stan Brett – 22 years – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 24 years – 1/8; Lois Strauss – 13 years – 1/15; Susan Graves – 13 years – 1/29

Thought for the week:

“How did it get so late so soon? It’s night before it’s afternoon. December is here before it is June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?”

~ Dr. Seuss ~

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 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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