

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 3rd day of 2018. There are 362 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly club assembly. Our greeter is Bob 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.

1/10 – January Students of the Month and Lynne Schott

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

1/17 – Patty Rice and Patty Rice

1/24 – Lynne Schott and George Rice

1/25 – Help at Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30PM – 6:00PM

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.

Proposed Members – Peter Kaurup has been proposed as a member by John Griffith. Peter and Becky will be moving to Maine this spring.

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 these proposals, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President Chris – called Dave Preble up front and presented him with a framed picture of him enjoying a lobster. I didn't catch all that was said but I believe it had something to do with when Dave was ROTY. Dave was just overcome with emotion.

We received a thank-you note for the dictionaries from the 3rd grade at Agnes Gray school in West Paris.

On a motion of AG Chris Summers and seconded by Tally Decato, we voted unanimously to approve the following slate of officers for 2018-2019. Lynne Schott stepped up to fill the office of Vice-president. Congratulations and thank-you, Lynne.

<u>President:</u>	George Rice
<u>President elect:</u>	Pat Cook
<u>Vice-president:</u>	Lynne Schott
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Louise Firth-Campbell
<u>Secretary:</u>	John Griffith
<u>Past President:</u>	Chris Weston
<u>Sgt. At Arms:</u>	Stan Brett
<u>Club Service Chair:</u>	Chris Summers
<u>Vocational Service Chair:</u>	Bob Schott
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<u>Youth Service Chair:</u>	Tina Fox

John – This week's meeting is the deadline for handing in Rotarian of the Year nominations. The ROTY committee will be meeting next week after our regular meeting to make a decision.

PP Joel - the 5 Club After the Holidays Holiday party is definitely set for 5:30 PM, January 13, 2018, at the Harrison VFW Hall on Rt. 35 just outside of Harrison Village. We will have a catered buffet dinner and we can BYOB. Cost is \$25 per person. We do need 40 people to sign up, so if you haven't and intend to go, please do so.

Ron – we sold 414 cheese wheels and will make about \$2,500.00 when all is said and done.

Last Week:

Louise Firth-Campbell led our quarterly Visioning review. Lots of good information was passed on to the club.

AG Chris S. told us that the Club Service group has had 2 meetings. They have decided that we should establish a Friends of Rotary and corporate Friends of Rotary and are working on the formalities of doing so. One idea is to come up with a symbol that a business could use to put on their doors and website showing that they are a Friend of Rotary.

Patty Rice – the Public Relations committee has supervised the conversion of our website to the new version which was done December 1. They have also worked on updating our Face Book page and have updated our winter storm policy. Patty has also volunteered to take over the publicity for our Students of the Month program to make sure that the appropriate information gets to the newspaper in a timely fashion. The committee is also working on getting us signed up to accept credit cards for Lobster tickets, Auction items, Cheese Wheels and so on. This should enhance our sales. Lastly, Louise is working on a

members only site on our website where we can post board minutes and other things that we do not want the public to have access to.

Ron Morse updated us on the Rotary Night at the Oxford Casino. The Casino requires that we publicize the event on the radio for one month which would cost us \$1500. Ron is working with Dick Gleason to see if we can get a reduced rate. We need to decide on a specific reason such as food pantries, the homeless, scholarships, etc. Once this is agreed to, we can try to get a date with the Casino.

George Rice talked about the Lobsters for Scholars raffle we had last fall. He would like to do two more raffles by July 1. We will clear about \$1,000.00 from the first one and would like to grow this as we move forward.

After the Visioning discussions, President Chris showed us two short videos – one on What is Rotary and another one on the Inspiration of Rotary.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - John had a happy dollar for a great Christmas holiday and for his daughter Courtney's 40th birthday today. George had an apology \$5 for his phone going off during the blessing. Was it God calling, George? Tina had happy dollars for her mom who is feeling better and for her daughter who resumed teaching the week before Christmas after the exploding science experiment the week before. Tally had happy dollars as she heads to Florida for three months. Dave had a dollar as Frank Shorey called him from Florida to tell him he was thinking of renting the house across the street from Becky and Dave next summer. Dave said he gave Frank permission as long as he converted to the Red Sox. Lynne had happy dollars for Christmas even though they had to drive to Buddy's in the snow, the power went out and their son in Vermont had to borrow a car to make the trip because his broke down. Glenn was happy to be retired (week #1) and happy that his grandchildren are flying in from Vancouver, BC, for a 10 day visit. Patty was happy for her mom, Evy Marshall, who she said was still on Cloud 9 after being honored with a PHF last week. Bob said now that Glenn was retired, he needs to go down the river with him.

50/50 – Guest William Cronin drew Dave Preble's number. Dave drew the Jack of Diamonds, so the pot rolls over.

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

Thought for the week:

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

~ Victor Borge ~

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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