

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! Today is the 286th day of 2016. There are 80 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Susan Graves and our greeter is Beth Garza.

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.

10/19 – Beth Garza and Tally Decato

10/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner from 4:30 to 6:00. Two volunteers needed.

10/22 – Bridge Walk – Kittery-Portsmouth, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

10/23 – Road Toll in South Paris, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please speak to Bob if you can help out.

10/24 – World Polio Day

10/26 – Tally Decato and Pat Cook

10/31 – Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30 PM to whenever.

11/2 – John Griffith and Curtis Cole

11/9 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

11/10 – Centennial Celebration 100 for 100 – Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland, 6:00PM – 10:00PM

11/16 – Dan Hart and Dan Allen

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

Rotary Moment – Susan talked about a co-worker who passed away and reflected on the years of her life and the changes she had seen. She was around to see polio as an imminent threat to today where it is little heard of.

Announcements:

President Joel – recognized Stan (man of leisure) for his hard work and dedication to the tent rentals. We raised over \$2000 this year.

Dan Allen – we still need books for the Box of Books at Oxford Elementary school. Please bring them in and Dan will deliver them to the school.

Paul Thornfeldt – Paul passed out cheese order forms. Remember that there will be two delivery dates. If you want cheese for Thanksgiving, the deadline for order forms and money is November 9th. If for Christmas, the deadline is December 7th. The club makes \$6.24 on each wheel sold. The cost is \$18.00 again this year.

Mary Lou Burns – The dictionaries have been ordered. She will be looking for volunteers to help deliver them at the end of October.

Patty Rice – We need volunteers for the Progress Center Community Dinner on October 20th. She brought up the question as to whether Interact students could participate and this will be looked into.

Last Week:

Pat Cook introduced our guest speaker, Finn Melanson. He came to speak about Question 5 on the November 8th ballot which is asking voters if they would support ranked choice voting. We currently have a system where the candidate with the most votes wins. This system asks you to choose the candidate you most prefer, then your second choice and so on. This way, if candidate number 4 doesn't win, the second or third choices would come in to play. This process would continue until the candidate with more than 50% of the vote is declared the winner. Finn's talk was very informative while trying to avoid bias.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Kim** is proud to soon be an aunty (which she now is!). **Dave** was happy to soon be a great uncle and that he (because of recent articles in the paper) is now being asked if he is related to "The Preble." **Dan Allen** was happy to not only be directing the Bridgton choir group but also for taking on the role of coordinator of the Christmas for Teens program with Dennis Boyd. He also had a sad dollar for his shoulder injury and the way it is working. **Glenn** is gearing up for retirement and is looking for someone who might be willing to part with a moderately sized travel trailer. **Beth** was happy that the board approved the purchase of 250 pillows for Christmas for Teens. **Bob** said his customers are happy and that many are looking for electric heat to help use up the excess funds from rebates on the solar panels he has installed. **Patty** gave an update on Cathy Sullivan. Cathy is using a trial medication on her cancer which has resulted in a 26% reduction in the mass so she will be continuing with the trial.

October Birthdays: Bruce (Pat) Cook – 10/13; Trish Logan – 10/20; Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26

October Anniversaries: Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Beth & Mike Abbott – 10/11; Beth & Corey Garza – 10/22;

October Membership Anniversaries: Glenn Huntley – 32 years – 10/3; Chris Weston – 3 years – 10/9; Chris Summers – 4 years – 10/10; Tally Decato – 23 years – 10/20; Chris Twitchell – 5 years – 10/26

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, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

Thanks to Grassroots Graphics for printing this edition of the Reader!

Last but not least, Frank sent this picture from Murdock Rotary.

“Handing out food today as a Rotary project. I was the “potato” man.....and they were sweet potatoes.....what else?”

