

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:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 293rd day of 2016. There are 73 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Beth Garza and our greeter is Tally Decato.

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.

10/20 – 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

11/1 – Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30 PM to whenever. Please note that the meeting was moved to Tuesday due to Halloween falling on Monday.

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 Rachel Brown. Guest speaker Dick Hall who will be talking about Visioning.

11/23 – Glenn Huntley and Dan Allen

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

Rotary Moment – Beth told us how important her daughters are to her and her husband and while they are still very young, she thinks about how important it will be to instill community values in them and that Rotary values are very much a part of that.

Announcements:

President Joel – It's official, the road toll has been approved for October 23rd in South Paris by Moore Park.

We received a thank-you letter for our \$1,000 donation to Polio Plus.

The November board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 1st as Monday is Halloween. Still meeting at Joel's office in South Paris at 5:30PM, just a day later.

Paul Thornfeldt – Remember the Cheese Wheel Sale!

Mary Lou Burns – The dictionaries have come in and Mary Lou has set up dates to deliver them. Paris Elementary, Tuesday, October 18; Rowe, Wednesday, 9:00AM, October 19; Oxford, Wednesday, 1:30PM, October 19; Harrison, Friday, 10:00AM, October 21.

Patty Rice – We have two volunteers and a third alternate for the Progress Center Community Dinner on October 20th.

Tally Decato – Dick Hall from the district Visioning Committee will be our guest speaker on November 16. This will lead to an updated evening Visioning meeting for the Club sometime in January.

Patty Rice – told us about Herb Strauss. A few weeks ago, Herb experienced weakness and spasms in his leg. A trip to the doctors and some tests revealed a brain tumor, the most aggressive of its kind and incurable. As an update, he had surgery to remove most of the tumor and will be having chemo and radiation treatments to alleviate his symptoms. The surgery was successful and the last news I have is that he is in rehabilitation undergoing treatments. According to Lois, Herb is in excellent spirits and is feeling well.

Last Week:

Susan introduced her guest speaker, Lisa Dunham, from Relay for Life. Relay for Life is the largest fund raiser of the American Cancer Society and there are some big changes coming in for the 2017 Relay. There are 26 different relays in Maine and a lot of them have been in operation for 25 years. Relay implemented a panel to gauge the effectiveness of each relay and as a result made 3 recommendations: close down the smaller ones; institute remote relays; consolidate relays. As a result, the Oxford Hills Relay has been consolidated with Auburn and the Lakes Region (Bridgton area) and will be moving to Poland High School which is a central location and is very visible. The 2017 relay will be on May 13th from noon to 10:00PM. Folks are aiming for it to be the largest in Maine. The largest in Maine last year was in Aroostook County with 400 participants; organizers are hoping for 500 participants in Poland. In addition, volunteer drivers are needed to take cancer patients to doctor's appointments and treatments. If you would like to volunteer, contact Lisa. Relayforlife.com.

 Happy Dollars  - Pat C. – was happy for Bruce's 80th birthday tomorrow but the family celebrated over the long Columbus Day holiday weekend with a limo trip to DiMillo's in Portland. They had a great time. Lynne was happy for the nice weekend at camp with her granddaughter. To top it off, Bob bought her flowers (a rare occurrence). Kim enjoyed celebrating her grandmother's 78th birthday. She also loves being an aunt! Joel told us his daughter passed driver's ed and got her learners permit. He said he was happy about it....John had a great time at the Hershey car meet last week. Paul was happy to find his 2nd cousin once removed through a genealogy contact on Ancestry.com. This cousin's father was estranged from his family and his cousin never knew anything about that side of his family.

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

Did you know?

In 1872, Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to campaign for U.S. President under the National Woman Suffrage Association. Although women would not be granted the right to vote by a constitutional amendment for nearly 50 years, there were no laws prohibiting a woman from running for the chief executive position.

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!

A picture from an e-mail Frank Shorey sent to me on the next page:

“Dinner view from the deck at Nokomo’s Sunset Grill in Nokomus, Florida, 83 degrees and a breeze from the gulf”

