

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

Welcome: Today is the 277th day of 2017. There are 88 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly Club Assembly. Louise Campbell is our 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 207-743-6129 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.

10/11 – Glenn Huntley and Tally Decato. Glenn's guest speaker is Sylvia Bosse, President of Noway-Paris Fish and Game.

10/15 – Road Toll on Fair Street by OHCHS. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

10/18 – Dan Hart and Pat Cook. Dan's guest speaker is Sue Craib from the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine.

10/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

10/25 – Ron Morse and Curtis Cole

10/30 – November Board Meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM

11/1 – Club Assembly and George Campbell

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

Rotary Moment: Greeter Tina Fox talked about the Interact and Exchange Student weekend at the Common Ground Fair and rafting at Moxie Gore. She said the kids had an awesome day at the Fair working in the craft fair tent, so much so that they didn't want to leave when it was time to go. The group left the Fair after lunch and headed to Bob and Lynne's at Moxie Gore. There were 7 students and 5 adults in the group including the exchange student from Russia. They rafted on Saturday and hiked on Sunday before heading home. Tina thanked Ripley & Fletcher Ford for donating the use of a van and, of course, Bob and Lynne for their hosting the weekend.

Announcements:

Bob Schott – had a “jogging” race with one of the students that he says he won by one step. Pretty good for someone his age with a new knee. Speaking of which, past member Linda Earle recently had knee replacement surgery so a get well card for her was circulated.

Dan Allen – would like to start a relief effort for Puerto Rico which was devastated by Hurricane Maria, similar to what we did after the tornado went through Joplin, Missouri, a few years ago. He has some ideas and will be attending the board meeting on October 2 to bring them to the board.

President Chris – the food baskets were donated to the Rowe Elementary School pantry last week. They were very grateful as their cupboards were getting a little bare. It was suggested that Chris announce where the baskets are going ahead of time as it would make a difference in what people bring in for donations, ie: if for children rather than adults. Chris agreed and said he would tell us in the future.

Last week:

Program Chair Louise Campbell led a discussion on our quarterly Visioning review. The Club Size and Membership group led by AG Chris met recently and kicked around many different topics. They have decided to come up with some criteria for a Friends of Rotary membership – both for personal and businesses. The idea being that if we can get some “Friends” involved in our projects, they will see what we do, how much fun we have, and will want to become full members. The Public Relations group now has 4 members, down from the original 7, so they would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining them to come to their next meeting. Patty Rice told us they talked about having a more interactive website and having the ability to sell tickets for events on-line rather than just collecting cash. They also want to work on our web page and Patty has begun by deleting a lot of the old posters, etc. Another suggestion was to have 1 member from each of the other groups on the PR committee which would aid us in coordinating events. George Rice talked about our new fund raiser, “Lobsters for Scholars.” One of our goals was to increase the number and dollar amount of our scholarships over the next 5 years, working towards giving ten \$1000 scholarships. This new fund raiser will help us meet that goal. First prize is a lobster dinner for 12 people cooked on site within 50 miles of the Norway-Paris area. Second prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Oxford Casino and third prize is a \$50 gift certificate for lobsters from Smedbergs. VP Pat Cook’s group discussed having a Rotary Night (or Day) at the Casino. Usually these events are held on Sundays. In talking with Jack Sours at the Casino, we found that this would have to be coordinated with WOXO and there is some competition for available dates. However, we would not necessarily have to do this during the summer when few dates are available.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - We ran out of time so there were no happy dollars.

50/50! – George Campbell drew Curtis Cole’s ticket and after having a winner just a couple of weeks ago, Curtis drew the King of Clubs. Curtis in turn, donated the \$38 he won to Dan’s Puerto Rico efforts.

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

October Anniversaries – Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Mike & Beth Abbott – 10/11

October Membership Anniversaries: Glenn Huntley – 33 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Weston – 4 yrs. – 10/9; Chris Summers – 5 yrs. – 10/10; Tina Fox – 1 yr. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 24 yrs. – 10/20

A couple of Groaners:

Sad to say that the Jolly Green Giant and the Eveready Bunny both had to go to see a doctor recently. The Green Giant's doctor diagnosed him as having a bad case of "cauliflower rear" and the Eveready Bunny had to go see his urologist because he kept going and going and going....

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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