

Rotary



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."

2018-2019 Officers:

Rotary International President: Barry Rassin - District 7780 Governor: John LoBosco – Oxford Hills Rotary President: George Rice – Pres. Elect: Pat Cook – Vice-pres.: Lynne Schott – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Weston – 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 President and PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is World Polio Day and it is the 297th day of 2018. There are 68 days remaining in the year. Glenn Huntley is program chair this morning. Our greeter is Paul Thornfeldt.

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.

10/24 – WORLD POLIO DAY

10/31 – Dan Hart and Tonya Swart

10/31 – Membership Committee meeting after our regular morning meeting

11/3 – FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE SEMINAR, HUSSON UNIVERSITY, 340 COUNTY RD., WESTBROOK, ME, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

11/5 – BOARD MEETING AT DEERING MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER, SOUTH PARIS, 5:30 PM.

11/6 – Election Day! Don't forget to vote!

11/7 – Club Assembly and Chris Summers. We will be meeting at the Progress Center as the church will be a wreath construction zone.

11/14 – November Students of the Month and Joel Speakman

11/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

11/21 – Ron Morse and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment - Greeter Miranda Ward told us about her son, Sullivan, who now loves to look for Rotary meeting signs when traveling. While in Rangeley recently, he saw the sign coming in to town that said Rotary meets at the Red Onion and he insisted that they had to go there to eat.

Announcements:

President George – Several members have signed up for the Foundation Seminar on November 3rd. It is not too late to register if you wish to go.

We received a nice thank you letter from the student at the Kakamega Orphanage that we supported with our donation.

The Road Toll for the food pantries on October 14 was very successful. We raised \$2,073.20 which I believe is the first time we have exceeded \$2,000.00 at a toll. Great job everyone and thanks to all who helped out.

We had an article in the local paper about collecting mobility devices for Africa. President George said that we all question how many people actually read the newspaper these days, the response to the article has been terrific and we have received many donations.

Ron – it is time for Cheese Wheels. Paul handed out order forms so if you didn't get one, see him. There will be two deadlines as last year, November 7 with delivery on November 14 and December 5 with delivery on December 12.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Lois Strauss led us in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and Glenn Huntley gave the invocation.

AG Chris Summers presented the President's Award to PP Chris Weston for his and the Club's efforts in achieving the President's goals for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Congratulations Chris!

AG Chris also told us that District 7780 received International recognition for the District's tree planting efforts last spring.

Our guest speaker was Deputy Chief Mark Blaquiére of the South Paris Fire Department. October is designated as Fire Prevention Month with the second week of the month devoted to kids and the elementary schools. The Deputy Chief talked to us about three primary things – smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. Smoke detectors have a life of about 10 years and should be replaced at that time. They should be tested monthly and the battery should be changed twice per year. A good time to remember that is to do it when the time changes in the fall and spring. Also, new detectors are sealed such that the battery cannot be disconnected to prevent it from going off. These new detectors are highly recommended. Of course, it is best if smoke detectors are hard wired. Carbon monoxide detectors are also important. Mark said that he has one at the head of his

basement stairs and another in the hall outside the bedrooms. Carbon monoxide is very dangerous because it is odorless and tasteless and one can be overcome very quickly. Everyone should also have updated fire extinguishers in their home. It is best to purchase extinguishers rated “ABC” as they cover all types of fires, not just one or two. Extinguishers should be checked once a month and they should also be shaken to keep the chemicals mixed. If they sit in one position too long, the contents tend to clump together in the bottom of the extinguisher rendering them useless. Two other things Mark mentioned were to make sure your house is numbered so it can be easily identified in the event of an emergency and if you have or plan to install a wood stove, be sure to follow the manufacturers recommendations. Do not attempt to circumvent proper installation!

Dictionary Project:

As I write this, all of the dictionaries have been distributed except for Harrison Elementary which will be done today at 12:30 PM. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this worthwhile program.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Lois was happy to hear our guest speaker. She is taking a new medication which is helping a lot. Her hearing is much improved and she is feeling more like her old self again. She still loves her new car and announced that this week was her last meeting until next year as she is leaving for Florida on the 24th.

50/50 – Joel drew Peter Kaurup’s number but Peter didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$285 in the pot.

October Birthdays – Bruce Cook – 10/13; Terry Cole – 10/26

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

October Membership Anniversaries – Glenn Huntley – 34 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Weston – 5 yrs. – 10/9; Chris Summers – 6 yrs. – 10/10; Tina Fox – 2 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 25 yrs. – 10/20; Christina Twitchell – 7 yrs. – 10/26

October is Economic and Community Development Month:

“We make a living from what we get; we make a life from what we give.”

~ Winston Churchill ~

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