

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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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."

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### 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is HALLOWEEN and it is the 304th day of 2018. There are 61 days remaining in the year. Dan Hart is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Maine State Trooper Sgt. Kyle Tisley who will be talking about a day in the life of a Maine State Trooper. AG Chris Summers is our greeter this week as Tonya Swart could not be with us. Tonya will be greeter next week.

**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](mailto: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.

10/31 – 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 Tonya Swart. 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. PETER AND BECKY KAURUP WILL BE SERVING.

11/21 – Ron Morse and Bob Schott

11/28 – Dave Preble and Lynne Schott

**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** Our visiting Rotarian was Polio Plus District Chair, Jeff Slaton, from the Saco Bay Rotary. There were no other guests.

**Rotary Moment** – Greeter Paul Thornfeldt told us about a You Tube video titled “the Boys of 1905” which is a collection of videos about Paul Harris, his wife and some of the early members of Rotary. It also includes a segment of Paul Harris addressing the 1933 RI Convention. Overall, great video that you should be sure to watch.

### **Announcements:**

**President George** – The Foundation Seminar is still on if you want to go, Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Westbrook campus of Husson College.

Our **winter cancellation policy** will be the same as last year. We will not cancel meetings in the event of inclement weather. However, if there is no school on a Wednesday, the kitchen staff will not come out. Instead, we will have donuts and coffee available for members who brave the weather.

**Patty Rice** – we will have a booth at the Chamber Business Showcase on Saturday, October 27. The Showcase is open from 8:00 – 10:00 AM for business participants and from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for the general public. We will have a banner and supplies to hand out and will be taking orders for Cheese Wheels.

**John Griffith** – the Dictionary Project is over for this year. We gave out 274 dictionaries to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the school district, including the students at Oxford Hills Christian Academy. A big thanks to everyone who helped out presenting the dictionaries to the kids.

### **Last Week:**

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. AG Chris Summers led us in singing “Jingle Bells” which seemed appropriate given the snow that has fallen over parts of Maine. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

**Department of Corrections** – last week, I said that PP Chris Weston received a President’s award for his and the club’s efforts in achieving his goals for his Presidential year. Unfortunately, your editor’s hearing and brain function not being what it used to be, the award was actually a Foundation Banner Award for achieving our Foundation goals during Chris’s presidency. This tied in to George’s talking about the Foundation and presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow to Peter Kaurup. Congratulations, Peter!

Glenn Huntley was program chair and his own guest speaker. Glenn was the club’s first Polio Plus chair back in 1985 and with the help of past member Dave Carter, put together a cross country ski fund raiser held at Carter’s Farm in Oxford. This was the largest fund raiser that the club had attempted to that date and it ran for three years, raising \$1800-\$2400 for each of the three years. Our parent club, Bethel, also helped with the event. In 1988, there were 350,000 + cases of polio in the world; to date in 2018, there are 18 confirmed cases.

Jeff Slaton, District Polio Plus Chair, from the Saco Bay club, presented PP Chris Weston with an award for the club's success in donating to Polio Plus during the 2017-2018 year. Oxford Hills was one of 10 clubs in the District to receive the award.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Dan H. had thank you dollars for the Dictionary project. It is always a great experience. Tonya had some grateful dollars for her team leader in the Oxford store. She is a young woman of about 30 who just had surgery for a brain tumor which turned out to be benign. Beth announced that she has ordered pillows once again for Christmas for Teens. They should be here next week and she will need help moving them from Wal-Mart to Oxford Plaza. She will also have \$5 gift cards that can be purchased and donated to the kids. Glenn has a new game camera and told us a great story the deer it caught. Patty had a happy dollar for Jeff Slaton coming to talk to us. John was happy to announce that he and Shelley were going to be grandparents for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.

50/50 – Dan H. drew Stan's number, so Paul reshuffled the cards. It didn't help as Stan did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$296 in the pot.

November Birthdays - Bob Schott – 11/1; Julie (Dan) Hart – 11/4; Liz Knox – 11/16

November Anniversaries – Dan & Julie Hart – 11/8; Glenn and Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries – Ron Morse – 8 yrs. – 11/10; George Rice – 35 yrs. – 11/11.

### **October is Economic and Community Development Month:**

“When I think about the world I would like to leave to my daughter and the grandchildren I hope to have, it is a world that moves away from unequal, unstable, unsustainable interdependence to integrated communities – locally, nationally and globally – that share the characteristics of all successful communities.”

~ William J. Clinton ~

### **Something to think about:**

“You can't have everything. Where would you put it?”

~ Steven Wright ~

## Make-ups:

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School