

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

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 305th day of 2017. There are 60 days remaining in the year. This morning is our November Club Assembly meeting. George 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 207-461-7158 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.

11/5 – Road toll for food pantries on Fair Street by OHCHS, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

11/8 – Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

11/15 – Dave Preble and American Legion

11/16 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need 2 volunteers.

11/22 – George Rice and Dan Allen

11/29 – Evening Social Meeting and Beth Abbott. No Wednesday morning meeting.

12/6 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

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

Rotary Moment – Greeter AG Chris Summers reminded us how important it is to visit other clubs whenever we get the opportunity. An example of something we could attend is the Fryeburg Club's Bountiful Harvest dinner and auction coming up on November 18th at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Remember to tell Chris when you visit other clubs so he can give you your points for doing so.

Also, Chris circulated a sign-up sheet for an After the Holidays Holiday Party in January. This sign-up is just to gauge interest; a date and more information will be forthcoming if there is enough interest.

Announcements:

President Chris – The most recent food baskets we have filled will go to Paris Elementary.

Dan Allen – told the story of his “genuine” Amish hat and how, when he finally found one, he bought it and after wearing it a while, discovered it was made in China. He passed it around for Puerto Rico relief once again to hopefully help us get to the \$2500 goal he set for the club. We raised \$2,306.62 at the road toll so we are not far off.

Ron Morse – Cheese Wheel sales – we will have a pick-up November 15 for Thanksgiving delivery so please make sure to get those orders in. We will have a second delivery in early December. This is a change from last week as we were originally planning one delivery.

John Griffith – The dictionaries for the Dictionary Project arrived on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th. John has called the schools for delivery dates with hopes to have them all delivered by November 10. He will update at today’s meeting.

Miranda Ward – is looking for items for homeless teens for the Progress Center. In particular need are things like face wash, deodorant, nail clippers, non-perishable food items such as peanut butter and crackers. Remember these kids do not have any way to refrigerate items or heat to cook them. At the moment, there are 20 students, 18 boys and 2 girls, so keep that in mind please.

Paul Thornfeldt – told us that he has picked up some really nice things from a woman who was moving, thanks to Val Weston. He appreciated the help he received from Chris W., Chris S., George and Val. Everything has been put in the storage trailer for the auction next year.

Peter & Becky Kaurup were in the area last week to attend to their house in Maine and said to say hello to everyone. They planned to come to a meeting but it just didn’t work out with their flight schedule.

Last Week:

Program chair Ron Morse introduced Gene Benner and John Emerson, Jr., former and current owners of Bessey Motor Sales in South Paris. Gene, of course, has been a huge supporter of Rotary and has donated a car for our auction for the last 15 years. He also was the first business owner to purchase cheese wheels from us for his employees at Christmas. The last time Gene talked to us, it was about the auto bailout and the status of Chrysler Corp. Chrysler survived as did Bessey Motor Sales thanks to the support of the community. Gene’s connection to the Emerson family goes back a long way so when he decided to sell the dealership, he felt the Emerson’s would be a good fit. As such, he introduced John Emerson Jr. John told us he was born and raised in Lewiston. He currently lives in Portland with his wife and young daughter but has his house for sale with hopes to move back to the Lewiston-Auburn area as his wife works in Portland. His grandfather started Emerson Chevrolet when he bought Louis Chevrolet many years ago. John originally did not intend to follow in his father’s and grand-father’s steps, but after college and working other jobs, he decided to come back and see what the auto business was all about. He is now a 3rd generation owner. As far as his plans for Bessey’s, the name will not change and he is not planning anything drastic in the operation of the business except to introduce more technology to better service their customers. He also said that he wants and plans to be a real contributor to the community.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Lynne** – had a happy dollar for all of the Cross Country students at the recent meet at OHCHS and thanks to Rotary for funding the snacks and drinks after the meet. She also had a happy dollar for the success of the Benedict Arnold expedition her son is part of. **Dan** – last week was on the hook for \$194 to make up the \$2500 for Puerto Rico. However, after passing the hat again this week, that amount is down to \$129 which is far more palatable. Thanks to the club once again. **Miranda** – the Progress Center Road Race is this weekend. As it enters its 3rd year, it is becoming increasingly popular with more than 110 entries so far. The money raised supports all of the Progress Center programs. **Lois** had a happy dollar for the OHMPAA show, “The Lazy Chaperone”. She has enjoyed participating in it and said it is a very funny, good show. Tickets are available at Books & Things in Norway. She also had a happy dollar for her 55th high school reunion this coming (now last) weekend in New Jersey.

50/50 – AG Chris S. drew Gene Benner’s number. Without knowing he had to draw a card, he donated the \$13 in the pot back to the club.

November Birthdays – Bob Schott – 11/1; Julie (Dan) Hart – 11/4

November Anniversaries – Dan & Julie Hart – 10/8; Glenn & Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries: Ron Morse – 7 yrs. – 11/10; George Rice – 34 yrs. – 11/11

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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