

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 324th day of 2017. There are 39 days remaining in the year. George Rice is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is past RI Director and current Chair of the Polio Eradication Committee for RI. Dan Allen 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.

11/26 – Bethel Rotary presents their annual Country Breakfast at Gould Academy, 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

11/29 – Evening Social Meeting and Beth Abbott. Pot Luck dinner at the American Legion Post in Oxford at 5:30PM. There will be no Wednesday morning meeting.

12/6 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

12/13 – December Students of the Month and Miranda Ward

12/20 – OHCHS Chorale and AG Chris Summers

12/27 – Quarterly Visioning update and Joel Speakman

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had two visiting Rotarians, Carol Madsen from Bridgton-Lake Region and E. Julian Holdroyd from Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England. Morgan and Alexis Laverdiere from the OHCHS Interact Club were the guests of Tina Fox. Foster Shibles was the guest of Julian Holdroyd.

Announcements:

President Chris – Don't forget that next week's meeting will be a pot luck dinner at the Oxford Legion Post in Oxford starting at 5:30PM. We will not have a morning meeting. A sign-up sheet is going around.

Ron Morse – The first batch of Cabot cheese wheels have been delivered. If you were not here last week and did not pick yours up, please see Ron. Ron plans to pick up the second batch after Thanksgiving. Please keep selling but don't forget to let Ron know before he picks up. I'm sure we will hear more on the timing this morning.

Tina Fox – reporting on the Interact trip to the UN in NYC, Tina said it was an awesome weekend. The kids had a tour of the UN building, went to the Empire State Building and saw a Broadway show, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Morgan and Alexis Laverdiere told us about what they liked best.

George Rice – passed out Sustaining member stickers to Pat Cook, Paul Thornfeldt, Lois Strauss, George Campbell and Louise Campbell. They join a number of other members who have met the \$100 EREY goal in donations to the Foundation.

AG Chris Summers – one more reminder that the Bethel club's annual Country Breakfast is this coming Sunday, November 26th at Gould Academy in Bethel from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Last Week:

Program Chair Dave Preble introduced Brendan Schaffler and Jessica Abbott from the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative, otherwise known as WMARI. WMARI was started by former interim Paris Police Chief, Jeff Lange, with the goals of lowering overdoses and deaths attributed to the heroin epidemic. It has since evolved to cover all drug related overdoses from opioids as well. The group is concentrating on advocacy and education. September has been designated as National Recovery Month. WMARI sponsors a unified march and rally with food and speakers, marching from the UCC in Norway to Moore Park. WMARI also has Project Save ME which is a community program for anyone struggling with addiction. Anyone who wants, can walk in to any local police or sheriff's office, ask for help and get paired up with a trained recovery coach.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Lois had happy and sad dollars, happy to be hearing to Florida next week but also sad at leaving everyone behind. She also had a happy dollar for "the Drowsy Chaperone" which is a wonderful show. Tina went to the introduction of the new Rotaract club at St. Joseph's College in Standish. Ed said today is the last day to order pies if you want one. Paul announced that this was his last meeting as he and dawn are leaving on the 24th for their winter tour.

50/50 – George drew Lois's number but Lois did not win the \$51 in the pot.

Did you know:

"Jingle Bells" – one of the best known American Christmas songs, was originally written for Thanksgiving.

And, let us not forget that on this day in history, November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. It is hard to believe that has been 54 years since that fateful day.

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.orgth

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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