

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 312th day of 2017. There are 53 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the November Students of the Month and their guests with us. Mary Lou Burns 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.

11/15 – Dave Preble and American Legion. Dave's guest speaker is Brendan Schaufler who will be updating us on the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative.

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

11/22 – George Rice and Dan Allen. George's guest speaker is a man with many Rotary titles, Michael McGovern.

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

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

Rotary Moment – Greeter George Campbell didn't remember that he was greeter so when the time came for a Rotary Moment, George Rice filled in for him. George reminded us of the importance of our donations in the cups that go to the Foundation to help eradicate polio. Rotary is pushing to get this job done but there have been some recent setbacks with new cases reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan this year. We are so close, it is important not to forget this goal.

Announcements and Monthly Assembly:

President Chris – The most recent food baskets we have filled will go to Paris Elementary. Starting next week, we will be collecting for the Level-up Program which Miranda talked to us about a couple of weeks ago. She is looking for personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, face wash, nail clippers and non-perishable food items.

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 by this week, November 8. Ron said that he and Paul have decided to go ahead and order 150-175 cheese wheels for this delivery and will pick up for a second delivery in early December. We sold 350 wheels last year and are hoping to beat that amount this year.

John Griffith – Dictionary deliveries are scheduled and by the time of this weeks' meeting, the only school remaining is Rowe, which we are doing at 9:00AM after today's meeting. John, Curtis, Dan H., Chris S., Mary Lou and Bob are scheduled to deliver there.

Paul Thornfeldt – we had our first auction sale, Frank and Connie Shorey's bedroom set. Paul posted it on Craig's List and a woman from Portland purchased it. She asked if it could be delivered and Paul said he would for \$25 more. She then also gave him some gas money. It was then discovered that the boards used to attach the mirror to the bureau were overlooked, so Paul delivered those to her on his way to Massachusetts last weekend.

Tina Fox – Tina and Shawn Lambert have taken over coordinating the Student of the Month program for us since Hilary Hendricks is no longer with the Education Exchange.

Tina and two of her Interact Students are leaving on Friday, the 10th, for Rotary Day at the UN. They are meeting up with 48 other students from District 7780. They will spend some time at the UN, tour the Empire State Building and take in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Broadway before returning home late Saturday night.

Beth Abbott -

1) – is looking for food pantry shopping and delivery on Saturday, November 18. She is working with Hannaford to put this together. We usually donate a total of \$2000 to four pantries, but this year, a suggestion has been made to divide the fourth pantry among the five schools that have pantries, giving them each \$100.

2) Last year, we purchased 150 pillows and are thinking of doing the same this year. Gloves and hats are also needed.

3) Beth also said that the Coat Room needs help again this year, so collecting and donating winter coats is something we could do in January.

4) With the American Legion Post selling pies as a fund raiser, we have purchased some from them for dessert at our evening meeting on November 30.

Guatemala Water Project – the District has approved but RI had some questions regarding sustainability that need to be answered before giving final approval. In the meantime, the Westbrook-Gorham club would like to proceed with the drilling of one well with the \$15,000 that has already been

pledged. They needed all of the donor clubs permission to do so, and by vote, we agreed. They feel that by starting now, they will be able to prove sustainability to RI.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Dave - was happy for the kindness of a stranger in a black pick-up who paid for his coffee. Curtis was happy to be back home after his and Terry's 18 day excursion out west. They drove 4,000 miles in their rental car and visited six National Parks. They rode Amtrack home and had time to go up the former Sears Tower building in Chicago while waiting for a train change there. To close our meeting, we sang Happy Birthday to Bob Schott!

50/50 – Tina drew Lynne's number but Lynne drew the 9 of Hearts. There was \$25 in the pot.

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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