

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 the 318th day of 2018. There are 47 days remaining in the year. This week we have the first Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is PP Joel Speakman.

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 – PROGRESS CENTER COMMUNITY DINNER, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. PETER AND BECKY KAURUP WILL BE SERVING.

11/15 – DISTRICT 7780 RECOVERY INITIATIVE TRAINING AT YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM.

11/17 – MEET AT HANNAFORD AT 9:00 AM TO SHOP FOR THE WEST PARIS AND OTISFIELD FOOD PANTRIES – AND TO DELIVER TO THEM.

11/17 – RLI in LEWISTON. SESSIONS 1 AND 3 ARE BEING OFFERED THIS TIME. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ROTARIANS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY.

11/21 – Ron Morse, scheduled program chair, will be in Connecticut for Thanksgiving. PP Chris W. has arranged for District Foundation Chair, Lawrence Furbish, to be our guest speaker.

11/25 – Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast at Gould Academy

11/28 – Dave Preble and Lynne Schott. Dave's guest speaker will be Maine State Trooper, Kyle Tinsley.

12/5 – Club Assembly and Patty Rice

12/12 – December Students of the Month and Dave Preble

12/19 – Oxford Hills High School Chorale and Ron Morse. Dennis and the Chorale are looking forward to being with us once again.

Visiting Rotarians and quests: Our visiting Rotarian was Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida. Jackson and Sullivan Ward were the guests of Miranda Ward.

Rotary Moment – Greeter Tonya Swart told us about an article in the Rotarian about Rotary's efforts in bring clean water to those who don't have access to it. Rotary makes lasting changes for the people affected. By 2020, in cooperation with Rotary Clubs in Ghana, Rotary will have over 200 sustainable water projects operating in that country.

Announcements:

President George – We received a nice note from the 3rd grade in Otisfield, thanking us for the dictionaries.

The Bethel club is once again putting on their Country Breakfast at Gould Academy on November 25th. Please speak to George or contact any Bethel Rotarian for tickets.

The Rotary District 7780 Recovery Initiative Committee in partnership with the City of Portland Public Health Division's Overdose Prevention Project announced an opportunity for Rotarians in District 7780 to be trained in Recognizing and Responding to an Opiate/Heroin Overdoes on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Pratt & Whitney Building Hannaford Hall at York County Community College Campus located at 112 College Dr., Wells, Maine.

Glenn Huntley shared a card he received from Dave and Kathy Whittier, thanking us for thinking of them. They have purchased a new park model home which they are enjoying very much. They are now permanent residents of Texas.

Mary Lou Burns is back at Norway Rehab. Beth and Patty stopped in to see her last week. She is getting around with a walker and only requires oxygen at night. However, she is still having pain that her doctors can't seem to pinpoint.

Ron Morse with AG Chris S. will be picking up the cheese wheels and will have them to distribute for this weeks' meeting.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Tonya Swart led us in singing "My County 'tis of Thee and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Our program was a club assembly. Topics of discussion were Foundation, Membership and International seminar on the 3rd and the board meeting on the 5th.

From the **Foundation Seminar**, John attended the Membership break out. He found it very informative and talked about some of the things that were brought up, particularly a list of 10 action items to consider. For example, remake traditions, update your lingo, don't be afraid of social media, reduce the

cost of membership, provide flexible attendance, make it personal, assigning mentors, change meeting format and location, go mobile, we are more than brochures.

Peter was impressed with all of the positiveness shown by those in attendance. He stressed the need to find something to feed your soul and in particular, he mentioned the artificial limb project in Kosovo, which provides artificial hands to those who have been maimed by land mines for only \$50.

Becky told us that she learned about family memberships, allowing a family to join at a reduced rate rather than charge the full dues for two people to join.

Val learned more about Friends of Kakamega. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this project and giving children more opportunities.

Chris learned that our club is often used as an example to other clubs when it comes to fundraising, as shown by our donations to the Foundation. During the 2014-1015 year, we donated \$3,800. That increased to \$4,294 in 15-16, \$6,500 in 16-17 and \$10,058 during 17-18. President George told us that by 2025, the Foundation hopes to have a \$2.25 billion endowment.

From the [Board Meeting](#), Community Service Chair Beth said that the pillows for Christmas for Teens are at Wal-Mart ready to be picked up. She said that she had purchased 48 pounds of candy to distribute at the Christmas parade. We will be shopping for the West Paris and Otisfield Baptist Church (Rayville) food pantries on Saturday, November 17. Meet at Hannaford at 9:00 AM. Each of the pantries will have \$500 allotted to them. The other \$1000 we raised will go to the four school pantries – Rowe, Paris, the Middle school and the High school. They will be contacted to see if they prefer the money or food.

Dave Preble gave Bob his proposal for the Cornhole Tournament to distribute as he was unable to attend the board meeting. He is proposing an entry fee of \$10 per player and thinks we can get 60-100 participants. He is hopeful that we can get a free location and free equipment to use and that the prizes can be sponsored by local businesses. He is also looking at concessions and maybe getting a local eatery to donate pizza that can be purchased by the slice.

[☺ Happy Dollars ☺](#) – [Dan H.](#) was happy to report to the board that 28 of 31 members have completed CPO training. [AG Chris](#) had a reminder dollar that there will be an RLI session in Lewiston on the 17th. [Lois](#) had a warning dollar about conjunctivitis. Don't touch your face! She was happy to be with us once again and is now leaving for Florida over Thanksgiving weekend. [Glenn](#) had a thank you to the Progress Center for preparing our breakfast and he told us that he was leaving for the North Woods to go hunting for the week. [Lynne](#) was happy to be with us after falling off the box she uses to get in Buddy's truck. She had a bump on her head and some soreness, but was doing better. [Curtis](#) was happy that he and Terry were leaving for their cruise to Barbados over the weekend.

50/50 – AG Chris S. drew Curtis's number but Curtis did not draw the King of Clubs. The pot rolls over once again.

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.

November is Foundation Month

“We should look at the Foundation as being not something of today or tomorrow, but think of it in terms of the years and generations to come. Rotary is a movement for the centuries.”

~ Arch C. Klumph ~

Something to think about:

“The Edison Company offered me the general superintendency of the company but only on the condition that I would give up my gas engine and devote myself to something really useful.”

~ Henry Ford ~

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