

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 325th day of 2018. There are 40 days remaining in the year. Our guest speaker this morning is District Foundation Chair and PDG Lawrence Furbish. Our greeter is Bob Schott.

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.

11/25 – 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

12/5 – Cheese Wheel orders due

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.

12/26 – Annual Meeting and Liz Knox

Rotary Moment – Greeter Joel Speakman read a Happy 35th Birthday history of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club. We received our charter on November 11, 1983. Lots of information and memories.

Announcements:

President George – We received a thank you from Aspire Higher for sponsoring two scholarships.

Don't forget the Bethel Club's Country Breakfast at Gould Academy on November 25th. Please speak to George or contact any Bethel Rotarian for tickets.

Don't forget the Rotary District 7780 Recovery Initiative Committee in partnership with the City of Portland Public Health Division's Overdose Prevention Project at York Country Community College tomorrow night. (I believe Lynne Schott attended so perhaps we will have an update this week).

Ron Morse had the November delivery cheese wheels in the back of his Jeep for members to pick up when they left. Ron has a few extra if anyone needs more.

Beth Abbott – we will be shopping for the Food Pantries on Saturday, the 17th. Meet at Hannaford at 9:00 AM. This year, we are supporting the Otisfield (Rayville), West Paris, Rowe School, Paris Elementary, the Middle School and High School pantries. We have \$500 for Otisfield and West Paris, and \$250 each for the school pantries which brings our total to the \$2000 we raised at the road toll.



We are also helping with the Veteran's Day program at OHCHS on Monday, the 12th. Thanks go out to Aroma Joes, Hannaford and the Casino for providing coffee, donuts and various other supplies.

Tina Fox – reported on the Interact student's trip to the UN in New York. There were 48 kids and 6 chaperones from the district that went. The OH group left at 5:00 AM Friday morning to catch the bus and they got back Sunday at 1:00 AM. They saw the UN, toured the Empire State Building and saw "School of Rock" on Broadway, which was an amazing show.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. We sang Happy 35th Birthday to the club and Ron Morse gave the blessing.

We had the November Students of the Month and their guests with us, a group of amazing kids. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader. After the students were introduced, Dan Allen presented them with a 4 Way Test key chain.

 Happy Dollars  – Joel was happy that his daughter, Brynne, was a Student of the Month. He has been waiting anxiously for the last 4 years for that to happen. AG Chris S. had happy dollars for the students and their parents. President George had \$35 happy dollars in honor of the Club's 35th anniversary. He announced that we will be having an Annual Dinner to celebrate at the Casino on February 2, 2019. Dan A. had happy dollar for George being president for our 35th year and then told us of his (Dan's) misadventures. Patty was happy that we had a Cabot Cheese cow to display and that it went to Norway Rehab and the Veteran's Home. Tina was happy to announce that the Interact Club

would be starting on their parade float at her house on Sunday. She was also happy that her daughter and family have closed on the house next door to her.

50/50 – Val drew Dan Allen’s number, but Dan drew the 2 of Clubs. There was \$327 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.

November is Foundation Month

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the word it will be known by the results it achieves.”

~ Paul P. Harris ~

Thought for the Week:

“If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow.”

~ Unknown ~

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

November Students of the Month - Integrity

9th Grade – Lucas Sandborn. Lucas was nominated by his teachers, Barbara Danis and Paula Wheeler

Barbara Danis - Lucas displays many of the traits of integrity: kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility. He is one of the most respectful students and is exceptionally kind to other students. Lucas is very responsible and reads more than is required on both a daily and weekly basis. He is flying through books! Lucas's integrity is especially exemplified in his feeling of responsibility towards his younger siblings. It is such a pleasure to listen to his stories of how he cares for them, including reading to them at home. He takes great pride in being a help to his family. If I had a big brother, I would want him to be just like Lucas.

Paula Wheeler – Lucas has made a very nice transition to the high school. He has been very responsible for getting his work done and turned in. He is a loyal friend, respectful to teachers and peers and is honest and helpful to others. Right now he is seated in math with two other students around him and is leading the discussion after having just participated in an activity with Mr. Doucette. He is often spoken highly of by our freshman team 1 teachers at our BARR grant meetings.

10th Grade – Justice Daily. Justice was nominated by Laura Shible

Justice is the kind of student every teacher wants to have in class. He is kind, has an incredible work ethic and takes his education seriously. He recently switched from one class to another - his original schedule was not working. Instead of making excuses for his delay in turning in an assignment, he used the extra time to make it extraordinary. The assignment was to create a mini bio video where they are "auditioning" for a TV show. Justice added special effects and sounds despite their not being required. Few times I have seen such dedication and this is why I am nominating him.

11th Grade – Dakota Paille-Sassa. Dakota was nominated by Meghan Szente

Dakota is always willing to help without being asked. He is responsible and kind. He saw me one day walking down the hall with two huge carts of laptops. He came running down the hall and offered to help. He helped me get them all the way to the server room. He then came back and asked if there was anything he could help us with in our office. He is just a kind, friendly kid.

12th Grade – Brynne Speakman. Brynne was nominated by Scott Walker

Brynne is thoughtful and passionate about her studies. She shows loyalty toward her friends, is honest in her opinions and respectful to her teachers and classmates. While conducting background conversations on the subject of suicide (something our staff wants badly to write about), Brynne asserted herself forcefully and yet respectfully in defense of NAMI's recommendation (and our administration's advice) about not glorifying the act of suicide itself while offering a compassionate understanding of the students' need to be heard. Her nuanced understanding of this complex issue helped other student journalists see both sides of the issue. She was honest and respectful in voicing her opinions while at the same time understanding theirs. Moreover, she wrote the background article to accompany the feature article about the prevalence of suicide ideation within the high school students and where to turn for help. She also highlighted the fact that minority populations – especially the LGBTQ community – are especially vulnerable to suicide ideation (something we are grappling with as a staff). She did this in an honest and respectful way. It led to a greater understanding of the issue in our "newsroom" and hopefully in our entire school community.