



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**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."

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### **2019-2020 Officers:**

Rotary International President: Mark D. Maloney, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama - District 7780 Governor: Andrew Glazier, Rotary Club of Kittery – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Pat Cook – Pres. Elect: Lynne Schott – Vice-pres.: to be determined – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Chris Weston – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - 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**

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 15th day of 2020. There are 351 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair. His guest speaker is Lissa Merrill, PT, Physical Therapist and Director of Physical Rehabilitation at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Becky Kaurup is 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](mailto: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

### **January:**

**22 – Jen Sherbinski and Dan Hart**

**27 – Mid Year Dinner at Fireside Inn and Suites in Westbrook, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.**

**29 – Joel Speakman and John Griffith**

### **February**

**5 – Club Assembly and Tina Fox**

**12 – February Students of the Month and Abbie Earle**

**19 – Chris Summers and Tally Decato. Note, this WILL be an evening meeting at Daddy O's after a two month hiatus.**

**20 – World Understanding and Peace Dinner at Sable Oaks in South Portland, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM.**

**26 – Tonya Swart and Curtis Cole**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the January Students of the Month and their parents.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Peter Kaurup told us about January being designated as Rotary Awareness Month. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among our membership and throughout the community.

Rotarians recognize the importance of giving back to the community. After all, Community Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service. Every Rotary Club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. When those efforts are effective, they not only contribute to the greater good, they also promote Rotary's positive image.

As we begin this new year, I believe we need to increase our exposure within our community through service projects. I personally look forward to participating in this effort to promote our Rotary.

### **Announcements:**

**Lynne** – Don't forget that we still need to fill two offices for 2020-2021, Vice-president and President Elect. Please think about it and if you have any interest in serving the club in either of these positions, please speak to Lynne.

Also, please be sure to pick up a Rotarian of the Year nomination form and get it to one of the ROTY committee members. We have extended the deadline to January 31.

**Dave** – working on the Cornhole Tournament. It looks like we will be having it at Rowe School again. None of the other possible venues seemed to work. Anticipating a late March date, thinking that if we hold it later, we could do it outside. We also don't want to conflict with the Ray Brown Memorial Dance which is set for March 14.

**Patty** – we will be having a Membership Drive starting in February and continuing through March and April. The committee working on this has divided us into teams which will be announced next (now this) week. We will spend the rest of January sitting with our team members to strategize during breakfast.

**John** – in case you missed it last week, Ron's phone number is 860-627-4086 and his address is Ron Morse, Suffield House, Rm 205, 1 Canal Rd., Suffield, CT 06078.

Bruce Cook also had lung surgery last Tuesday but I have not heard how he is doing. We sent cards to both Ron and Bruce.

## Last Week:

In President Pat's absence last week due to Bruce's surgery, [PE Lynne](#) led us in the Pledge, 4 Way test and the Rotary prayer. It was nice to see Dan A. with us after his unexpected few days in the hospital and he led us in singing "If You're Happy and You Know It..."

After the announcements, PE Lynne turned the meeting over to Tina Fox to introduce the January Students of the Month. The theme for January is Grit: Students who show a passion for a particular long term goal along with a powerful motivation to achieve that goal.

Dan Hart read the recommendation for Freshman, Hysha Wance, who was not able to attend; Chris Summers introduced Sophomore Mackenzie Marks; Becky Kaurup introduced Junior Hailey Parsons and Tina Fox introduced Senior Ruby Morrison. Their write-ups are on the back page of the Reader.

## 😊 Happy Dollars 😊

[Dan A.](#) was happy that his medical issue was a brief one and that he is feeling much better.

[Bob](#) was happy that he has been skiing but only 7 days so far. He has some catching up to do.

[John](#) had a Happy New Year dollar from Frank Shorey, down on sunny, warm Florida, and he passed on the Rays sticker Frank included to Dave Preble. Regrettably, the sticker came to an unfortunate end.

[Glenn](#) had a happy dollar for Heidi for doing such a great job on the cheese wheel sale.

[Lynne](#) also had a happy dollar for the cheese wheel sale coming to a close and we do still have some left over to sell. She also said that her grandson, Skylar, is learning to ski.

[Bob](#) announced that he pre-sold 10 Lobster Feed tickets and used them as Christmas gifts.

50/50 – Becky drew Glenn's number but Glenn drew the 9 of Clubs, not the King. So, the pot rolls over.

January Birthdays – Stan Brett – 1/3; Heidi Ortiz – 1/9; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22.

January Wedding Anniversaries – Liz and David Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 36 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 37 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 26 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 28 yrs. – 1/8

**Thought for the Week:**

**“Where talents and the needs of the world cross, therein lies your vocation.”**

**~ Aristotle ~**

**Remember the 4-Way Test:**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**Make-ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School



## **January Students of the Month (Grit)**

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Hysha Wance, nominated by Ian Truman and Rachel Heikkinen.**

Mr. Truman:

Hysha has blossomed before our eyes as a student who once saw school as a burden, but now sees school as an opportunity to better her life through a rewarding career. She could easily have a different outlook and make worse decisions regarding school. She could easily make excuses for herself and give up or give in, but she has set goals for the first time in her life and is systematically trying to achieve those goals. Hysha asked me if she could TA for me second semester so that she is on a track to graduate early. She has worked with guidance to create a plan that will allow this to happen. She wants to enter the workforce as soon as possible so that she can help support herself and her family.

Ms. Heikkinen:

Hysha had significant attendance issues at the middle school and it really impacted her grades. However, she's been dedicated this year to keeping her grades up and has a long term goal of graduating a year early. Because of this, she went to guidance and made sure she had a full schedule for the rest of the year. Hysha was failing science before the first quarter ended. In a matter of only a few days, she did all of her missing work, as she was determined to have passing grades in all of her classes.

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Mackenzie Marks, nominated by Cindy Kugell**

Mackenzie constantly listens and takes to heart constructive feedback. She learns from mistake and makes any adjustments accordingly to improve whatever she is currently challenging herself with. Mackenzie is always looking to challenge herself academically and artistically. She has completed some amazing works of art that she has taught herself the concepts for and when critiqued, she moves forward and learns from it. She isn't afraid to start over with what she has learned to create a more skillful work. I'm super proud of her as an underclassman in an advanced class – another challenge she has taken on.

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Hailey Parsons, nominated by Megan Wing**

Hailey set a goal this year, she wants to earn her diploma and continue her education. Hailey has had a great academic year. She has really stepped up and taken responsibility for her academics. Math isn't always easy but she is determined to do well and earn her credit this year to stay on track for graduation. She works hard each day and completes work on time which helps her succeed.

## **12<sup>th</sup> grade – Ruby Morrison, nominated by Anne Smith**

Despite early and ongoing adversity in her life, Ruby perseveres and holds fast to her goals with her sights set on the long term. She motivates herself to maintain a “steady on” attitude. Ruby views her challenging family life and high school experiences as necessary and important stepping stones leading to the next chapter of her life. Her family has not been consistently supportive of her educational goals. Actually, over the years, they have devalued her desire to learn and improve. They were not supportive of providing transportation to the Viking Corps Awards ceremony last spring. Ruby, on her own, generated the support she has needed through high school to graduate. Ruby views her college plans as the next opportunity to grow and make expanded choices for herself, from the educational program she will pursue to the foods she will be eating.

Ruby is in her fourth year of French at OHCHS. When she started in grade 9, she planned to have only 2 years of French. At the end of the second year, she was quite vocal about not being able to speak French. Summer of sophomore year, she contracted Lyme disease and was housebound all vacation. She contacted me and asked if there were French things she could do, so we created a summer independent study. She was adamant that she could not speak and so part of the independent study focused on phonetics and making recordings. She began French III, withdrew from it a week or two in, then re-enrolled later, saying she missed the challenge of learning French. Later during the year, she helped a Francophone woman with a small child navigate scheduling in French at a dentist’s office. Ruby was proud of her use of French, while still very humble about her actual ability to use French in a real life situation to help someone. Now she is in her fourth year, speaking more, writing more, understanding more French. Ruby has absolutely demonstrated true grit over her years of learning French, and in all her courses, at OHCHS.