

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 16th day of 2019. There are 349 days remaining in the year. Due to the no school day last Wednesday, the January Students of the Month and their guests are with us this week. Dan Hart has another commitment this morning so has exchanged weeks with John.

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.

1/17/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Tally Decato and Robert Hotte have volunteered this month.

1/23/19 – Bob Schott and Dan Hart

1/24/19 – Opioid Awareness Event, Maine Medical Center Dana Auditorium, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

1/28/19 – Mid-Year Leadership Dinner, Fireside Inn & Suites, Westbrook, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

1/30/19 – No morning meeting!

2/2/19 – Annual Dinner and ROTY Presentation, Oxford Casino, 5:30 PM

2/4/19 – Board Meeting, Deering Memorial Community Center, South Paris, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

2/6/19 – Club Assembly and Tina Fox

2/13/19 – Students of the Month and Abigail Earle

2/20/19 – Joel Speakman and Tally Decato

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We did not have any visiting Rotarians again this week. We had two guests, Heidi Ortiz, guest of Abbie Earle and Marianne Todd, guest of Curtis Cole.

Rotary Moment – Greeter Becky Kaurup read some articles about Rotary and the one thing really stuck with her and that is that every minute of every day, someone benefits from Rotary.

Proposed Members – Heidi Ortiz has been proposed for membership by Abbie Earle. Heidi is an Accounting Specialist at Norway Savings Bank. Marianne Todd has been proposed by Curtis Cole. Marianne is a Personal Lines Insurance agent at W.J. Wheeler.

Announcements:

Dave Preble updated us on the Cornhole Tournament. While most of the planning has been done, there are still a lot of things to do to put this together. He has made arrangements with Yianni's for pizza which we can sell for \$3 per slice – cutting their largest pizza into 6 slices so the slice will be fairly large. It will be necessary to have a runner between the school and the restaurant to keep the pizza fresh but we will need a warmer of some kind. The plan is to have 12 courts operating at once and they must be regulation. Dave is proposing a first prize of \$50 for the winners in each class and a second prize of \$25, so we will need 8 \$50 gift cards and 8 \$25 gift cards which we hope we can get through business donations.



John Griffith – Through an e-mail conversation with Corey Hascall, daughter of our Charter President, Chris Hascall, John learned that Chris passed away in 2012 after a period of declining health. As a result of this conversation, though, John invited Corey and her sister, Lindsay, to join us as our guests at our 35th Anniversary Dinner next month. Both replied with a resounding yes, saying they had very fond memories of their dad and Rotary during the years they spent in South Paris.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and the 4 Way Test. Due to not having a song leader and no one volunteering, we did not have a song. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing for the last time until he returns from Florida in May.

Due to their being no school, we did not have the Students of the Month with us, so we went ahead with a club assembly and will have the students next week, weather permitting. President George reviewed some of the highlights of the January BOD meeting – that we voted to support the Rotoract trip to Puerto Rico with a \$500 donation and we voted to donate \$300 to the District Conference to help keep it to a low or no cost conference. We spent most of the rest of our time talking about the need for more and younger members who are willing to step up into leadership positions. It is a concern that all of the board members are also past presidents and that we are now to the point of perhaps having past presidents serving a second time, as is George. We also need to do a better job with committees and committee assignments which is hard when there are way more positions than there are members. Nonetheless, it was pointed out that things do get done in the end. The nominating committee is still

working to fill officer positions for next year and we do need a vice-president for 2019-2020. All in all, we had a good discussion with lots of questions and feedback from the group.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Patty** put Dining to Donate flyers on the tables for Applebee's for the benefit of the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School playground. **Glenn** said that he and Sharon are leaving for Florida tomorrow (now last Thursday). **Peter** has been volunteering at the Western Maine Foothills Land Trust warming shack on Roberts Rd. They are in need of more volunteers for different shifts, so if you would like to help out, contact Peter. **John** handed in a happy dollar from Frank Shorey wishing us all a Happy New Year. **George** had a sad dollar for Bill Castle from Zephyr Hills, Florida, Rotary that he now has to put up with Glenn for four months.

5050: Abbie Earle drew Becky's number but Becky didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$58 in the pot.

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

January Anniversaries – Liz and David Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 35 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 36 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 25 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 27 yrs. – 1/8; Peter Kaurup – 1 yr. – 1/24

January is Vocational Service Month

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

~ Aristotle ~

Sorry About This:

Unaware of the importance of dryer sheets, the crew of the Starship Enterprise embarrassingly warped through space with static Klingons.

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