

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, December 14, 2016



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."

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## 2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Lynne Schott

## Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Welcome!** Today is the 349th day of 2016. There are 17 days remaining in the year. Ron Morse is program chair. His guest speaker is Kelly Townsend, Program Coordinator for cardiac rehab at the new Medd Medical Center. Chris Weston 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 207-743-6129 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.

**12/17 – Christmas for Teens Concert, OHCHS at 7:00 PM**

**12/21 – OHCHS Chorale and Miranda Ward**

**12/28 – Kim Preble and Chris Twitchell. Kim's guest speaker is Christina McAnuff, Executive Director of the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute.**

**1/3 – Board meeting at Joel's office, South Paris, 5:30 PM, moved to Tuesday as Monday is a holiday.**

**1/4 – January Students of the Month and Chris Summers**

**1/11 – Dave Preble and Lynne Schott**

**1/18 – George rice and Bob Schott**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. George and Louise Campbell were the guests of Ron Morse and of course, the December Students of the Month and their guests were with us.

**Rotary Moment –** Greeter Val Weston talked about the Object of Rotary. **FIRST:** the development of acquaintance as an opportunity to serve. **SECOND:** high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. **THIRD:** the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life. **FOURTH:** the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Officers for 2017-2018

President-elect Chris Weston is proposing the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Rotary year:

President: Chris Weston  
President-elect: George Rice  
Vice-president: Pat Cook  
Secretary: John Griffith  
Treasurer: Rachel Brown  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Brett  
Club Services Director: Chris Summers  
Vocational Services Director: Bob Schott  
Community Services Director: Beth Abbott  
International Services Director: Val Weston  
Youth Services Director: Lynne Schott  
Past President: Joel Speakman

We will be voting on these officers at our meeting on December 28, 2016.

## Last Week:

After President Joel led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen led us in singing “Here Comes Santa Claus” and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

President Joel introduced Hilary Hendricks from the Education Exchange who gave a brief presentation before we introduced the Students of the Month. (See the last page of the Reader for the student write-ups). After the student presentations, Joel played a brief video about Rotary and Ron, Dave, Bob and Lynne talked briefly about the auction, the ropes course, May Day Play Day, Interact and RYLA.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Dave was pleased to have a call from a co-worker whose son wants to go to the Dominican Republic with the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotarians in the spring. Lynne had a happy dollar for the students and another for getting her car back from the garage with a new inspection sticker. Dan expressed his appreciation for being a part of the Christmas for Teens concert. Bob was happy to be going skiing with Curtis. Chris had a happy dollar for the parents of the December students. John was happy to report that Frank Shorey sent him a warning that he would be with us next (now this) week so we would all be prepared. Patty is still looking for 2 people to help out at the Progress Center dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Miranda talked about the back pack program for homeless teens and the need for personal care products. There is still a great need.

**50/50** – Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, Tanner Herrick drew Ed Lyons’ ticket but Ed drew the King of Spades. There was \$119 in the pot.

**December Birthdays:** Curtis Cole – 12/6; Miranda Ward – 12/11

**December Anniversaries:** Ron & Laura Morse – 12/20

**December Membership Anniversaries:** Jack Sours – 4 years – 12/19

## Thought for the Week:

“Common sense is a flower that doesn’t grow in everyone’s garden.”

~ Mark Twain ~

### **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](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

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## **December Students of the Month**

### **Positive Leadership**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Tanner Herrick – Nominated by his history teacher**

**“Tanner actively participates in class discussion and naturally takes on a leadership role among his classmates. His sense of humor and positive outlook makes him relatable to his peers and gives him the ability to have a positive influence on them.”**

**“In a group project, I allowed students to pick their group which naturally they picked their friends. Often times, friends will start joking around and get off task. Tanner was able to keep his group on track by making jokes and regaining their focus. He was able to delegate responsibility without being controlling. He took on the leadership role but still made his group feel like they were all equals.”**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Madison Sheppard – Nominated by her drama teacher**

**“Madison is a leader in drama class. She is a first year student and has really taken the lead in the class with active, positive behavior and participation. Madison has taken on the role of writer-director for our Christmas for Teens benefit performance. She wrote a thoughtful, positive play for her classmates to perform and developed a character for each one that fits their personality perfectly. I’m so pleased that she is taking drama class.”**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Veikko Piirainen – Nominated by the OHCHS Athletic Director**

**“Veikko was a quiet leader this fall on the soccer field. He worked diligently every day in practice and games. He was a positive role model for his teammates. Veikko leads by his quiet, unassuming nature which has a calming influence on those around him. I watched Veikko through the entire season lead by example at practices and games.”**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> grade – Jayra Bray – Nominated by her photography teacher**

**“Jayra is a first year photography student and a leader in the class. She is a wonderful listener and always knows what is going on. Her peers look up to her and she is a fantastic role model for others in the course. There has not been one event that makes Jayra stand out as a positive leader in the class – it just comes naturally to her and she is a kind and caring person. Well done, Jayra.”**