

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."

2017-2018 Officers:

Rotary International President: Ian Risely - District 7780 Governor: David Underhill – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Weston – Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-pres.: Pat Cook – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Joel Speakman – 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 PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 338th day of 2017. There are 25 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly club assembly. Val 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 207-461-7158 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.

12/13 – December Students of the Month and Miranda Ward

12/20 – OHCHS Chorale and AG Chris Summers

12/27 – Quarterly Visioning update and Joel Speakman

1/2/18 – Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30 PM

1/3 – Club Assembly and Bob Schott

1/10 – January Students of the Month and Lynne Schott

1/17 – Patty Rice and Patty Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We didn't have any visiting Rotarians but we had a good contingent of guests: Richard Hotte was the guest of Tally Decato, Laura Morse was the guest of Ron Morse, Lindsay Fox, Charlie Fox, Gilbert Ross, Ben Carroll, Billy Carroll, Taylor Haggerty and Jessica Haggerty were the guests of Tina Fox. Brian O'Donnell from the Legion and guest Peter Seames were also in attendance. There were also other Legionnaires present that did not sign in so do not have their names.

Announcements:

Ron Morse – The deadline for the second delivery of Cabot cheese wheels is our December 6th meeting with delivery the next week, December 13th.

In case you missed the e-mail, [DG Dave Underhill](#) has announced that Marguerite “Peggy” Belanger of the Kennebunk Portside Club has been nominated to serve as District Governor in 2020-2021.

Last Week:

After the pledge and reciting the 4-Way Test, President Chris thanked Tina Fox and the Interact students for their participation in the Christmas parade and congratulated them on winning 1st Prize in the Non-profit category. Tina also thanked Record Lumber for donating the lumber the club needed for their float and Town & Country Mobile Home Park for donating their truck to pull the float. Tina then introduced the Interactors with her and talked about their next project, making and serving refreshments at the Christmas for Teens concert on Friday, December 8th. Last year, they collected almost \$500 in donations. The Interact Club will be making desserts at their meeting on Thursday, December 7th, and are looking for donations of cake mixes, brownie mixes, and so on.

We then had a blessing given by Glenn Huntley and enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner, ending with the pies we purchased from the Legion fund raiser.

After dinner, Brian O’Donnell, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, welcomed us to the Legion Hall and talked about the Women’s Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Like other organizations, they are working on recruiting younger members. There is no age limit to join the SAL but to join, the person needs a father, grandfather, mother or grandmother to have served in the military.

Peter Seames talked about his project, Horses Across Maine, which is a non-profit organization planning a 280 mile trek across Maine in an effort to raise funds for and awareness of various issues facing Maine veterans. An enthusiastic group of people plan to take to the highways on horseback, starting in Fryeburg sometime in the late spring of 2018. The riders plan to go through 60 towns ending in Eastport. This trip is expected to take two to three weeks traveling approximately 25 miles per day and allowing time to rest riders and horses as well as to participate in fundraising events and interacting with the public. For more information, contact Peter at 207-272-8407 or horsesacrossmaine123@gmail.com. The website is www.horsesacrossmaine.weebly.com.

Finally, President Chris read a letter from RI President, Ian Risely, concerning the Foundation. November was Foundation month and it is time for us to take a look at where we are, what the Foundation has done, what it’s helping us do now and how we can move forward. Last year the Foundation received \$304 million in total contributions that included \$140 million to the Annual fund, \$28 million to the Endowment fund and \$108 million to Polio Plus. The Foundation approved 494 district grants and 1,260 global grant, with a total of \$111 million in funding.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - We did not have any happy dollars.

50/50 – PP Chris drew Dan Hart’s number but Dan did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$63 in the pot.

Thought for the Week:

“When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.”

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt ~

December Birthdays – Curtis Cole – 12/6; Miranda Ward – 12/11; Andrew (Miranda) Ward – 12/25

December Anniversaries – Ron and Laura Morse – 12/20

December Membership Anniversaries: None listed

The 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

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

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