

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."

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 342nd day of 2016. There are 24 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the December Students of the Month and their guests with us. Val Weston is our 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

12/14 – Ron Morse and Chris Weston

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

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

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

1/11 – Dave Preble and Lynne Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Visiting Rotarians were AG Cathy Sullivan from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club and Tony Wagner, District Visioning team, from the South Portland – Cape Elizabeth club.

Rotary Moment – Greeter Beth Abbott talked about the Rotary Foundation which has been named the Outstanding Non-Profit Fundraiser by the American Fund Raising Association. The Foundation started with just \$26.50 and it now manages over \$1 billion in assets. In just the last 35 years, the Foundation has donated \$1.6 billion reaching all corners of the globe.

Announcements:

Ron Morse – all cheese orders need to be in as soon as possible as we must put our second order in by noon on Monday, December 5th. Please call Ron directly if you sell any more over the weekend.

Chris Summers – don't forget your t-shirt if you ordered one and don't forget, they are C.O.D. No money, no shirtie.

AG Cathy Sullivan – Cathy updated us on the results of her club’s return trip to the Dominican Republic. They visited the town where they previously built / repaired a school building and playground among other things. Their work has resulted in a renewing of spirit in the town such that a couple of towns people applied for and received a loan to build another school building to alleviate overcrowding. In addition, the towns people themselves have built a fence around the school property and have continued to make additional improvements.

Larry Jordan – Via Curtis, we received a note from Larry in response to the “thinking of you” card we sent to him. “I had triple bypass surgery a month ago. I was cycling and my forearms went numb and I had chest pains. I thought it was improper adjustment of my seat, handle bars, etc., and just had lung pain from lack of oxygen. Nothing seemed to help. I had it checked out, had a stress test; next thing I know, I’m having bypass surgery. I was shocked and everyone who knows me can’t believe it. I am very healthy except for clogged arteries which are apparently quite important. I am doing well, healing nicely and looking forward to the future...”

Last Week:

In the absence of President Joel, PE Chris Weston ran the meeting. Dan Allen led us in singing “Rudolph” with additional accompaniment from Lois Strauss. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Program Chair Trish Logan introduced Tony Wagner from the South Portland – Cape Elizabeth Club. Tony serves on the District Visioning Committee and is a facilitator for club visioning. Tony gave a brief history of the visioning program, referring back to when we first did our visioning about 3 ½ years ago. Members of the Facilitation team have found that it is important for clubs to do another visioning after 2-3 years to evaluate their progress – what has worked, what hasn’t and what more can be done. We don’t want to re-invent the wheel, we need to move forward – Continuity, Consistency and Consensus. The major goals of Visioning are: Support and Strengthen clubs, Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service and Enhance Public Image and Awareness.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - **Chris S.** was listening to WHOM 94.9 which has had music themed on giving for the season and Rotary Clubs have been mentioned. **Kim** mentioned that she listens to NPR and Portland Rotary has been mentioned on there as well. **Patty** had a happy dollar for her son getting a buck last week, so this week she had a happy dollar because she got her own buck this week. **Paul** had some happy dollars as he and **Dawne** are leaving tomorrow (last Thursday) for Sebastian, Florida. He also saluted Tony Wagner for his military service and went on to tell us that former Rotarian, Roy Earle, who is now 93, is going to represent the Marine Corps at the Rose Bowl in January which includes seats on the 50 yard line. **Lois and Herb** are also leaving for Florida this week. Since Herb can no longer drive, Lois bought a new car that she likes to drive. With Herb’s illness, she also wanted us to know how much she appreciates our support. **Tally** is excited about Visioning. **Tony** thanked us for having him speak to us.

50/50 – Lois drew Dan’s number but Dan drew the 6 of Spades from the deck. There was \$106 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:

“Great minds have purposes; little minds have wishes. Little minds are subdued by misfortunes; great minds rise above them.”

~ Washington Irving ~
American Author (1783-1859)

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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