

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 346th day of 2018. There are 19 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the December Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Dave Preble.

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.

12/19 – Oxford Hills High School Chorale and Ron Morse. Dennis and the Chorale are looking forward to being with us once again. Ron Morse is greeter.

12/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. John G. and Pat C. have volunteered.

12/26 – Patty Rice and Liz Knox. This will also be our Annual Meeting when we will vote on the slate of officers for next year.

1/2/19 – Club Assembly and Peter Kaurup

1/9/19 – January Students of the Month and Becky Kaurup

1/16/19 – Lynne Schott and Glenn Huntley

Special Announcement - We are all very sad to learn of the passing of our long time member and friend, Mary Lou Burns who passed quietly in her sleep on Friday, December 7th at Norway Rehab at the age of 82. Mary Lou joined Oxford Hills Rotary on September 4, 1991. Through the years, she was an avid supporter of our club and projects. She spearheaded the Dictionary Project for many years and

especially enjoyed husking corn for the Lobster & Steak Fest and working at May Day Play Day. I do not know of funeral arrangements as I write this.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Heidi Ortiz was the guest of Abigail Earle.

Rotary Moment – Greeter Patty Rice shared some club trivia with us. Women in Rotary came about in 1986. Val Weston was our club's first woman inducted in 1987. Right now, our percentages are 54% men to 46% women. The average age of our membership is 62. We have 2 members under age 29, no members from ages 30 to 39, 1 member in the 40 to 49 age group, 6 members that are 50 to 59, 10 members that are 60 to 69 and 10 members over age 70. 60% of our membership is over 60 years of age.

Announcements:

President George – Please be sure to fill out a Rotarian of the Year form and get it to one of the committee members. The Rotarian of the Year will be announced at our annual dinner on February 2nd.

We received a thank-you note from the Ladies Circle for the electric tea kettle we purchased for them.

Ron Morse – Ron, Laura, Val and Chris W. picked up the cheese for December delivery yesterday (4th) and it is in the back of Chris's truck. Please pick up your orders after the meeting. Cabot Farms ran out of the gift boxes so gave us bags to put the cheese in instead.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "Deck the Halls" and Glenn Huntly gave the blessing.

Our program was a club assembly. President George told us about the board meeting on the 3rd. The board voted to purchase two white tents to replace three of the blue and gold tents that have seen better days. We will purchase them prior to January 31 so as to get a winter discount. Total cost will be about \$3,700.00. Bob Schott is organizing a ski weekend for Interact and Exchange students on March 8 and 9. This is a week or two earlier than usual due to our hosting the Interact District Conference on the 23rd and 24th. It was felt that it would be better not to have the two events on consecutive weekends. The board approved a motion to dedicate the Cornhole Tournament to senior citizen services and also approved doing background checks on all members through Essex, the Rotary preferred vendor at a cost of \$25 per member. Anyone who has had a recent background check for their employment will be exempt which will save us a few dollars.

Lynne Schott attended the Recovery Initiative Seminar in Wells last month and told us what she learned from it.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Becky** had a happy dollar for the visit she and Peter had with a friend from South Africa who they hadn't seen for 18 years. **Dave** was sorry for missing the meeting last week. He was happy to be going skiing for the second time on his new hips. **Bob** had a sad dollar for the proposal to tax sunlight on solar panels. **Glenn** was happy for friends who helped him the day of his carpal tunnel surgery. **Patty** had a sad dollar for Mary Lou who we learned has entered hospice care. She was happy for the success of this year's cheese sales.

50/50 – Pat drew Ron's number and Ron drew the King of Clubs, winning the pot of \$356.00. Merry Christmas Ron!

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

December Anniversaries – Ron & Laura Morse – 12/20/58 – their 60th Anniversary!

December Membership Anniversaries – None reported

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

“We think of our land and water and human resources not as static and sterile possessions but as life giving assets to be directed by wise provision for future days”.

~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt ~

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