

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 2nd day of 2019. There are 363 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair this morning. Peter Kaurup 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 207-461-7158 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.

1/7/19 – Board meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center, South Paris, 5:30 PM.

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

1/16/19 – Club Assembly and Glenn Huntley

1/17/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need two volunteers to help serve.

1/23/19 – Bob Schott and Dan Hart

1/30/19 – No morning meeting!

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

2/6/19 – Club Assembly and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We did not have any visiting Rotarians but we did have three guests: Cam Robinson was the guest of Glen Huntley, Marianne Todd as the guest of Curtis Cole and Madi Mains was the guest of Tina Fox.

Rotary Moment – Since December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, Greeter Liz Knox shared a quote from Michael J. Fox with us.

“Medical science has proven time and again that when the resources are provided, great progress in the treatment, cure and prevention of disease can occur.”

Announcements:

President George – We will not be voting on officers for next year until next month as the nominating committee needs more time.

We will not have a meeting on Wednesday, January 30th, as our Annual Dinner is the following Saturday, February 2nd.

Speaking of the Annual Dinner, George would like to have everyone prepay so that Stan does not have to sit by the door and take \$\$.

The Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday January 7th, same time, same place.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and the 4 Way Test. Being a small group – only enough of us to fill two tables – and no song leader, we valiantly tried to sing “America the Beautiful.”

Program Chair Patty Rice shared three letters from third graders thanking us for the dictionaries. They were all quite articulate! Patty then showed us a video of our club prepared for Rotary’s 100th Anniversary in 2005 which was the year to Celebrate Rotary. It was nice to see it as there were so many past members in it, and of course, some who have passed away.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – **John** was excited to announce that his son Dan and wife Brandi, are having a girl after two boys. This will be his and Shelley’s second granddaughter, due around June 1. He also presented Dave Preble with a special gift sent from Frank Shorey. **Pat** had a thank you dollar for John calling to ask if she forgot about helping at Progress Center last Thursday, which she had. **Glenn** had happy dollars for Rotary and how lucky we are to have friends we can call on. **Stan** met up with Dick Decato in Bridgton while picking up some steel siding. **Lynne** said she and Bob had a lovely Christmas but missed Ben who is rafting in the Grand Canyon. She said granddaughter Amelia loved her Barbie camper and that Bob has discovered Amazon, which she said could be dangerous.

50/50 – AG Chris drew Tina’s number. Tina let her granddaughter, Madi, draw from the deck but she didn’t draw the King of Clubs.

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

“Honor bespeaks worth. Confidence begets trust. Service brings satisfaction. Cooperation proves the quality of leadership.”

~ James Cash Penney ~

How many 14 year olds today would do this?

In 1860, fourteen year old “Buffalo Bill” Cody began riding for the Pony Express after answering an advertisement for “skinny expert riders willing to risk death daily.”

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

December Students of the Month

9th grade – Kaiden Stack – nominated by Lisa Whittemore

Kaiden leads by example, not only in English class, but also in every core Team 2 class. He behaves in a mature, composed manner, showing less mature freshmen model age appropriate conduct. Students respect Kaiden; they look to him as a positive role model and follow his example. Every Team 2 teacher has remarked about Kaiden's genuine ability to positively influence his peers. His math teacher calls him the "calm whisperer" in the way that he is able to dispel math anxiety among students and them believe it will "be okay". His social studies teacher says that class is better with Kaiden in it and that when he is absent, the class dynamic is less vibrant. In more than one class, Kaiden has accepted unofficial challenges to guide rambunctious, less focused students, encouraging them to be more successful and well-behaved. In English, Kaiden's willingness to participate in intimidating tasks, such as presenting in front of the class, steers others in a positive direction, and his enthusiasm is contagious. Clear to his teachers, Kaiden positively influences his peers. He is a genuine leader.

Kaiden was also nominated by Chuck Martin

Kaiden is a leader in my health class, which consists of not only freshmen, but sophomores, juniors and seniors. Kaiden is always first to put his hand up and participate in class discussions. What he has to offer, is appreciated by all in the class. He is insightful, honest and open to differences of opinion. Kaiden is always respectful of each person in the class, no matter what group they associate with. Each morning, Kaiden is one of the first to enter class and says "good morning" with a warm smile, each and every day. Kids look up to him in class, and I enjoy his participation and warm sense of humor.

10th grade – River Thurston – nominated by Ken Poulin

As a member of the honors World History class, River sets a positive and shining example of leadership by example. Her work is always done well and on time. She is positive and friendly to all those in class and is looked upon by others as a positive influence.

River was in a group with other students and without me prompting, she assumed leadership and was working to ensure that all others felt like they mattered in the group setting. She did this all without being overbearing and it showed me that while she's not the loudest kid, she certainly speaks volumes when she chooses to speak.

11th grade – Riley McGough – nominated by Anne Smith

Riley is a State Leader for DECA. She plans events and is a positive and straightforward manager of events. She is outgoing and confident. She has strong communication skills. She participated in drama improvisation which is an intimidating and challenging activity. Even though Riley is not a member of the student council, she attended every meeting last year. More importantly, students in my CBA shared all this information with me and nominated her themselves.

12th grade – Kirsten Edwards – nominated by Andrea Hart

Kirsten is our 3rd year student in ECE. She is now considered one of the assistant directors of their pre-school and takes care of several daily tasks that many directors deal with. For example, changing bulletin boards, collecting monthly dues, running daily staff meetings, and taking the lead of the classroom when needed.

Kirsten runs a staff meeting by herself every day after pre-school is over. Here she guides the students by telling them the good things they did as well as what to work on over the next couple of days or weeks. It is not an easy task to do! Additionally, next week Kirsten will take charge as the “lead teacher.” She will be directing all first year students for the entire day. She has completed all the lesson plans and block plans by herself to do this.