

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 339th day of 2018. There are 26 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly club assembly meeting. Patty Rice 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.

12/5 – Club Assembly and Patty Rice

12/12 – December Students of the Month and Dave Preble

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

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 Glenn Huntley

1/9/19 – January Students of the Month and Dan Hart

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

Rotary Moment – Greeter Lynne Schott brought our attention an article in this month’s Rotarian magazine about how to read a menu.

1. Despite the appearance of equality inherent in a list, not all items carry the same weight.
2. The first and last items loom larger in our short term memories.
3. Do items run from the cheapest to the most expensive?
4. Do they go from the lightest to the heaviest?
5. Is it a hodgepodge?
6. Are there 6 dishes with blistered chili peppers followed by a straightforward steak? Then don’t get the steak.

Announcements:

President George – passed around a sympathy card for us to sign for past member, Sawin Millett, whose son passed away a few days ago.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped with the floats for Rotary and Interact. The Interact Club won second place in their category. Congratulations!

Our Annual Dinner will be on Saturday, February 2nd at the Oxford Casino. This will be our 35th Anniversary celebration and we will be announcing the 2018 Rotarian of the Year. Nomination forms are on the back table. Please be sure to take one when you leave.

We are still collecting walkers, canes and crutches for Africa and recently received a walker from someone who saw our posting on Face Book about this.

Ron Morse – due to the way Cabot delivers, Ron needed our Christmas cheese wheel numbers last week instead of this week. Patty Rice told us that Bethel, Bridgton and Fryeburg club members have purchased some wheels and she promised Hampton, Portsmouth and Saco Bay that if they purchased enough cheese wheels, she and George would deliver them. All three clubs bought some so it looks like a road trip is in the works.



Paul Thornfeldt sent John an e-mail with his make-ups for November but also told him that Punky passed away at the age of 15 ½ not too long after they arrived in Florida. Punky was a regular at some of our events and he will be missed by all. Our sympathy to Paul and Dawne on the loss of their beloved pet.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Tonya Swart led us in singing “Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer”. We got off to a little bit of a rocky start but weren’t doing too bad by the end. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Our guest speaker was Maine State Trooper, Kyle Tinsley. Trooper Tinsley is a Patrol Sergeant from Troop B which covers Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. He has been a Trooper for 25 years and currently supervises 7 other troopers under his command. Troopers work shifts of 2 days, 2

nights and 2 days off but are on call 24/7. Sgt. Tinsley talked about the recruitment process and how it works so that only the best of the best get through the hiring and training process. He also talked about what troopers do, how they interact with local police agencies, schools and their communities. He was very interesting to listen to and we appreciated his coming to talk to us.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Lynne** had happy dollars for a wonderful Thanksgiving in Stratton with her family, some who came from some distance away. **Patty** had happy float dollars and thanks to all who participated in the parade. **George** has happy dollars for the Interact and their second place award. **Dan H.** had thank you dollars for Kyle coming to speak to us and for the “awesome” work he does with the schools.

50/50 – Stan asked Abby’s guest, Heidi Ortiz, to draw the lucky ticket. She drew Lynne’s number but alas, Lynne did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$345 in the pot.

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

November is Foundation Month

“We will never have a perfect world, but it’s not romantic or naïve to work towards a better one.”

~ Steven Pinker ~

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