

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 45th day of 2018. There are 320 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. Dan Hart 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.

2/15 – Help at Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

2/15 – Membership Committee meeting at the X-Vault, 5:30 PM

2/16 – Special Olympics Dance committee meeting at the X-Vault in South Paris at 5:30 PM. This is postponed from the scheduled February 7th meeting due to the weather.

2/21 – AG Chris Summers and John Griffith

2/23 – Frugal Feast at Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

2/28 – Joel Speakman and Susan Graves

2/28 – Deliver food baskets after our weekly meeting, 9:00 AM at Hannaford in Oxford

3/5 – March board meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM

3/7 – President Chris and Tina Fox

3/14 – March Students of the Month and Louise Firth-Campbell

3/15 – Help at Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

3/18 – Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast, Gould Academy in Bethel from 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

3/21 – Miranda Ward and William Cronin

3/24 – RLI at York County Community College, York, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

3/26 – Rotarian of the Year dinner at Maurice's in South Paris, 5:30 PM. This will be a private party for us as the restaurant is closed to the public on Mondays.

4/7 – District Assembly at York County Community College, York, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians or guests with us last week.

Rotary Moment: We did not have a Rotary moment last week.

Last Week:

Fortunately, Dan Allen was with us and helped guide us in singing “When the Saints go Marching In.” After the Pledge and 4-Way Test, Curtis Cole gave the blessing. This being Club Assembly week, we did not have a formal program.

President Chris – the board discussed a corporate membership for Norway Savings Bank. Chris has talked with the Norway Branch Manager, Mike Grass, and the bank is willing to become a member. Mike has designated one employee to be the contact and this person is likely the one who will attend our meetings and participate in our events. However, any employee of the bank would be eligible to attend, similar to our ability to attend Chamber of Commerce After Hours events because the we are a member of the Chamber.

Chris also informed us that the board voted to donate \$250.00 to the Advent Christian Church towards the purchase of a new track for their Pinewood Derby. You may remember that Jerry Major came to our meeting a couple of weeks ago to explain the program.

George R. - announced that we have donated \$1,450.00 to date in the Foundation Cups which is excellent. We are well on our way to meeting the Every Year, Every Rotarian goal once again.

John – our attendance for December was 80.13% which is down from our average of the prior three months. However, December is a busy holiday month and we are usually down during that time.

AG Chris S. – due to the weather forecast last Wednesday, the Special Olympics Dance committee meeting was postponed until this coming Friday, February 16, at the X-Vault in South Paris, 5:30 PM. The Dance is usually held the first weekend of April but due to various conflicts, it appears that it will be rescheduled for the last Saturday of April, the 28th. This is agreeable to the hall and the band.

Bethel Rotary is having another Country Breakfast on Sunday, March 18, at Gould Academy in Bethel. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children purchased ahead of time, higher if you purchase at the door.

RLI (Rotary Learning Institute) classes will be held on March 24 at York County Community College in York. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Rotary if you have not attended in the past.

The District Assembly will be on April 7 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, also at York County Community College. Club officers and directors are encouraged to attend but any Rotarian is welcome.

Lastly, don’t forget the Five District Conference is coming up on May 4-6. There are still rooms available at the Mount Washington Hotel but they are going fast.

Stan – thanks to our newest member, William Cronin, we may have rented the large wedding tent in for an early June wedding.

Beth – looking at doing food baskets after our regular weekly meeting on February 28th. Hannaford is on board and Beth is working with Rev. Mayberry on the list of needy families. We plan to do 20 baskets as we have in the past.

William Cronin - Still having some time after all of the announcements, our newest member, William Cronin, gave a classification talk. William was born in California but his family moved to Maine shortly after he started kindergarten. He said he didn't remember much about California but he does remember the ice storm of 1998 which occurred shortly after the family moved. William knew of Rotary because he attended May Day Play Day and Project Graduation. He also was on the baseball team and is an avid sports fan. After getting married, he and his wife moved to Pennsylvania so his wife could attend college. It was in Pennsylvania that he first started selling cars. William and his family now live in South Paris. They have two daughters, 5 and 2, with a new addition due in July. After a stint in security, he started selling cars at Ripley & Fletcher late last year.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Dave had a sad dollar, saying "there's always next year." Susan had some thank you dollars for the Rotarians that have agreed to participate in the Oxford Federal Credit Union's Financial Fitness class at the Middle School. Linda had happy dollars for the "Horse Across Maine" fund raiser which did very well. So far, there has been one Rotarian winner, George Campbell. John relayed a conversation he and Shelley had concerning the birds and a bread maker. Dan was happy to be with us after spending the last two weeks commuting 4 hours every day. Curtis was happy to buy a calendar from Linda after she went to his office to get it to him. Chris S. thanked President Chris and Val for their mini-Super Bowl party.

50/50 – Susan drew George C.'s number but his luck didn't hold as he drew the 10 of Clubs. There was \$177 in the pot.

February Birthdays – Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Pat Cook – 2/13; Ron Morse – 2/24

February Anniversaries – None Listed

February Membership Anniversaries: Pat Cook – 18 yrs. – 2/2; George Campbell – 1 yr. – 2/22; Louise Firth-Campbell – 1 yr. – 2/22

Thought for the Week:

"Not all who wander are lost."

~ J.R.R. Tolkien ~

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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