

# 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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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome:** Today is the 52nd day of 2018. There are 313 days remaining in the year. AG Chris Summers is program chair this morning and John Griffith is greeter. Chris will be speaking to us in his role as Club Protection Officer.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**2/28 – Joel Speakman and Susan Graves. Joel's speaker will be Adrienne Cote, who recently purchased Books n' Things in Norway which will re-open soon under a new name.**

**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 – March Club Assembly and Tina Fox**

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

**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 last week. Our guests were the February Students of the Month and their parents.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Dan Hart gave us some information he found in the Rotarian magazine. The Rotary Club of Poipu Beach, Hawaii has teamed up with the Rotary Club of Pursat, Cambodia to assist sustainable Cambodia, paying \$6,000.00 for construction of a pre-school building, nutrition

programs and part of a teacher salary in rural Pursat. On a visit in June 2017 to deliver school supplies and recreational gear, Craig Nishimoto, a veterinarian and past president of the Poipu Beach Club, also vaccinated about 40 dogs against rabies. "In Cambodia, they don't vaccinate their pets for rabies," said Nishimoto. Vaccinating dogs also protects people.

**Membership Proposal:** Norway Savings Bank, represented by Ashley Roberts, has been proposed as a corporate member by President Chris. If there are any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris** reminded us of the Frugal Feast at the Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

The Rotarian of the Year dinner will be at Maurice's in South Paris on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Chris will have a sign-up sheet this week with menu choices. Let's hope that the Rotarian chosen as ROTY signs up!

**Beth** – regarding February food baskets, we initially thought we could get names from Rev. Don Mayberry, but he deals more with emergency cases so does not have a list of names. He said that if we could provide gift cards to Hannaford for him to hand out, it would work much better for him. After discussing some other suggestions from members, on a motion of President Chris and seconded by Stan Brett, we voted to help Rev. Mayberry and also talk with the Oxford Hills Middle School guidance teachers to obtain names of needy families.

It was also announced that Becky Preble's mother passed away on Monday, February 12. She was a resident at the Veteran's Home in South Paris. Our condolences to Becky, Dave and their family.

### **Last Week:**

President Chris led us in the pledge and Four Way Test. Our song leader, Dan Allen, was not with us due to his wife, Nancy, not being well. We managed to squeak out "Happy Birthday" to Pat Cook without him. Curtis Cole gave the blessing. We all wish Nancy a speedy recovery.

Tina Fox gave an introduction for the Student of the Month program and each student was in turn, introduced by a club member and presented with their plaque. The student's write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

After the presentations, AG Chris Summers talked about Rotary through the Four Way Test and gave examples of what Rotary does in our communities and around the world. He then presented each student with a Four Way Test coin key chain.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊** - **Pat** was happy that the TV show, Top Chef, was taped at her daughter's bar in Telluride, Colorado. Quite exciting! **Stan** had happy dollars for the students and their parents. **AG Chris** will be hosting a hospitality suite at the District Conference in May at the Mt. Washington Hotel. He promised a rollicking good time for all.

**50/50** – Ed Lyons drew AG Chris’s number but Chris drew the 9 of Spades. There was \$180 something in the pot which rolls over.

**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

### **From “Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs”**

“In New England, we have nine months of winter and three months of damned poor sledding.”

### **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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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