

# 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 59th day of 2018. There are 306 days remaining in the year. PP Joel Speakman is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Adrienne Cote who recently purchased Books n' Things in Norway where I see there is a lot happening!

**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.

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

**3/7 – President Chris and Tina Fox. Chris's guest speaker is Phil Giordano from the Scarborough Rotary who will be speaking to us about RYLA.**

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

**3/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner. We need two volunteers to help.**

**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.**

**4/2 – April board meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM**

**4/4 – Club Assembly and Curtis Cole**

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

I am putting this update on **Sgt. At Arms Stan Brett** first as I am sure everyone is concerned about him. For those who don't know, Stan had a minor stroke the morning of Tuesday, February 13. After a stint at Maine Medical Center in Portland, he is currently at Bridgton Hospital for rehabilitation. He is doing well and expects to be at Bridgton for a week before returning home. He is in room 118 and guests are welcome.

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

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter John Griffith told us of the e-mail he received from Paul and the club he attended in Aransas Pass, TX, and the fact that it does not take a big club to do a lot for its community. "Attended the Aransas Pass RC today. Nice, friendly club of 10 or so with an attendance today of 14 including guests and speakers. Probably attend the next three meetings there as it's convenient and nearby."

"This area has been hit tremendously hard by Hurricane Harvey. This district received over \$300,000 from RI, donated by other clubs, to assist needs that were not covered by insurance of any sort. This small club was able to get funds to purchase a new motorized scooter for a young man with cerebral palsy. Also, funds to help a young family to purchase a new mobile home to replace one that was destroyed. It's nice to see Rotary in action with funds donated by clubs around the world."

**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** – there is a sign-up sheet going around for the Rotarian of the Year dinner at Maurice's on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate your choice of chicken, haddock or beef with your choice of soup or salad. The cost of the dinner is \$27.00 per person.

**Beth** – as voted on last week, we will be handing Hannaford gift cards out to patrons at the store on different Saturdays rather than doing our customary food baskets. We have ordered 75 \$20 cards and are waiting for them to come in. The date is pending, but will likely be at the end of March.

### **Last Week:**

President Chris led us in the pledge and Four Way Test. Dan Allen was present to lead us in song, thankfully.

AG Chris Summers talked to us in his role as Club Protection Officer. He stressed the importance of being aware of our surroundings and making sure that we are not one on one with any children, such as giving a student a ride home. One of our biggest fears is that someone will do something that reflects badly on our club or Rotary in general.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊** - We were happy to hear that **Tina Fox** is doing well after her foot surgery. **Beth** told us that George and Patty both have the flu which is why they are not with us this week. **Lynne** was happy for the lovely weekend she had with her granddaughter. **From the Department of Corrections:** last week, AG Chris announced he would be hosting a hospitality suite except it is at PETS and not the District Conference as I posted.

**50/50** – Val drew Dave's number but Dave drew the Ace of Hearts. There was \$205 in the pot which rolls over – and yes, we did check the deck to make sure the King of Hearts was actually there.

**March Birthdays** – George Campbell – 3/2; Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Chris Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

**March Anniversaries** – None Listed

**March Membership Anniversaries:** Dan Allen – 34 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 22 yrs. – 3/27

### **Thought for the Week:**

“If you are lucky enough to be different, don’t ever change.”

~ Taylor Swift ~

### **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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