

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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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 39th day of 2017. There are 326 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott has taken over as program chair for Bob who could not be here. Lynne's guest speaker is Ogy Nikolic from Bosnia. He is a former exchange student and is now a Rotarian and is District Chair for the exchange program. Kim Preble 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 207-743-6129 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 – Visioning Assembly and Dave Preble

2/16 – Community Dinner at Progress Center. We need 2 people to help from 4:30PM-6:00PM. Please speak to Patty Rice if you can help out.

2/22 – Chris Summers and Glenn Huntley

2/23-2/25 – World Peace Days

2/27 – March Board Meeting at Joels office in South Paris, 5:30PM.

3/1 – Miranda Ward and Dan Hart

3/8 – March Students of the Month and Susan Graves

3/15 – Chris Weston and Beth Garza

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Our guests last week were the January and February Students of the Month and their guests. George and Louis Campbell were the guests of Ron Morse.

Rotary Moment: Greeter George Rice talked about the Rotary Youth Exchange program which is available to high school students between the ages of 15-19. This is a great opportunity to live abroad with a Rotarian family or two and attend school for a year. Most students go for their junior year, then return for their senior year and graduation.

Announcements:

President Joel – Don't forget that the February board meeting will be held at his office on Monday, February 6th at 5:30PM.

District Conference information is now available on line if you want to check it out or speak to Joel and he will share the info with you.

We had a very successful shopping and delivery day for the Otisfield, West Paris and Harrison food pantries on January 28th. John and Beth coordinated the effort; John, Beth, Patty and George, Val and Chris, Pat Cook and Chris Summers shopped and delivered. The pantries greatly appreciated the donations. We will also be donating \$500 to the Rowe School pantry as well.

Last Week:

We were joined by the January (finally!) and February Students of the Month. January's students were recognized for their "grit and determination" and February students were recognized for their "compassion and generosity." The January student write-ups are on the last pages of the Reader. I will post the February write-ups next week.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Lynne – had a happy \$20 to make up for our lost meetings in January. She was also happy to see the students and said she misses Interact since her retirement. She was also happy that Bob successfully hooked up their new router and it worked. Beth G. – was happy to be back after our missed meetings and sick kids. She also said it was eye opening that one of our students of the month is the child of someone she graduated with. Susan – told us that Oxford Federal Credit Union will be hosting their 12th Financial Fitness program at OHCHS on March 9th from 8:30AM to 12:00 noon. If you would like to help out in their booth, please let Susan know. Patty had a congratulations dollar for the students and a thank you dollar for our food pantry project. Chris S. – had happy dollars for the students and their parents. Glenn – remembered his mother who passed away a year ago today. She was not a Rotarian but exemplified "service above self" during her life time. Bob reminded the students about RYLA and was happy that his and Lynne's granddaughter is coming this weekend to go skiing. She started skiing at 19 months and is now 31 months old.

50/50 – Rachel drew Joel's ticket but Joel did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$181 in the pot which rolls over.

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

February Anniversaries: Jack and Barbara Ann Sours – 2/26

February Membership Anniversaries: Pat Cook – 17 years – 2/2

Thought for the week:

"A 'No' uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a 'yes' merely uttered to please, or worse, to avoid trouble."

~ Mahatma Ghandi ~

The Core Values of Rotary are:

Diversity
Fellowship
Integrity
Leadership
Service

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

Here are the write-ups for the **January Students of the Month**. In order to keep the Reader at 4 pages, I will put the February Students in next week's Reader. January Students were recognized for their "grit" - -

9th grade – Emily Landsperg – nominated by her English and Math teachers.

"Emily has persevered through every aspect of English class. When a writing assignment is difficult, she asks for clarification of instructions or some other kind of help to move forward; she never gives up. Emily digs in and exceeds my expectations nearly every time."

" Completely unsolicited, Emily submitted a list of vocabulary words from her independent reading novel that she both would like to learn to use in her every day conversations, and that he thought other students might like to learn as well. From the start, I have admired Emily's tenacity for learning, not just for herself, but others as well."

"Algebra does not come easily for Emily, but she wanted to take a full Honors course load, and has attacked math with a dogged determination. She puts in more effort than any four of my other students combined; every homework assignment is done on time, all her mistakes are examined, and she has already come o me for help on problems she didn't get."

10th grade – Jordan McLaughlin – nominated by her Essential Skills teacher.

"Jordan often asks for extra time to read during free reading in class. She found out how to get her computer to read to her on her own and utilized it to keep up with her assignments. Jordan never backs away from a challenge and is more than happy to help a classmate. Jordan works very hard to maintain, and I am very proud of her!"

“Jordan has joined forces with two other students. She makes sure that they have their work completed on time and in return, I have heard her ask them questions to help her learning.”

11th grade – Mae Gosnell – nominated by her Latin teacher

“Mae’s ambition to succeed in my class is unparalleled. She is always the first to ask questions about the material presented in the lecture and unlike many of her peers, she is never satisfied with answers that are “close enough.”

“It is abundantly clear that Mae goes above and beyond the bare minimum required for my course and while I respect Mae for many of her qualities, I find her resolve and determination to succeed in my class most admirable.”

“Mae has a great attitude even when faced with challenging material. Her grit is infectious. There have been many instances where the rest of the class simply gave up when a particularly challenging topic was presented. In these scenarios, Mae has overcome the obstacles in her way through perseverance and actually inspired many of her peers to keep trying the questions until they understand.”

12th grade – Sophie Jean Foster – nominated by her Art teacher

“Sophie Jean has gone through an amazing transformation this year! She continues to overcome the adversity in her life; each day she rises to the occasion and perseveres to produce her best work yet. She has been focused, diligent, and has taken her artwork beyond what would be expected, working through multiple studies to achieve high quality products. She also takes her learning beyond the classroom by studying books that relate to our group discussions.”

“Recently, while searching for a subject for her colored pencil drawing, Sophie seized on her passion for understanding the human body, and went to the biology lab to borrow a human femur as her subject. She then applied what she had learned about color to capture the light and shadows, creating a wonderful drawing that was both realistic and creatively expressive.”

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