



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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."

2019-2020 Officers:

Rotary International President: Mark D. Maloney, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama - District 7780 Governor: Andrew Glazier, Rotary Club of Kittery – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Pat Cook – Pres. Elect: Lynne Schott – Co Vice-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers - Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Chris Weston – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - 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 Evening and Welcome! Today is the 50th day of 2020. There are 316 days remaining in the year. AG Chris Summers is program chair this evening. His guest speaker is Dan Hart who will be doing a club protection update. Tally Decato 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

February:

20 – Progress Center Community Dinner in Norway, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

20 – World Understanding and Peace Dinner at Sable Oaks in South Portland, 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

26 – John Griffith and Curtis Cole. Our guest speaker will be the new president of Stephens Memorial Hospital, Andrea Patstone.

March:

4 – Club Assembly and Dan Allen

5-7 – NEPETS, Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center

11 – March Students of the Month and Beth Abbott

18 – Miranda Ward and Val Weston – Evening meeting at Daddy O's in Oxford, 5:30 PM.

25 – Chris Weston and Chris Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the February Students of the Month and their parents.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Abbie Earle talked about an article in the Rotarian magazine which said that the average person in the US spends 11 hours a day on the internet and listening to news. This can give us a negative outlook. The moral of the story was that we don't have to listen to the news every day.

Announcements:

PE Lynne – It is not too late to sign up for the World Understanding and Peace dinner at Sable Oaks in South Portland on February 20th. You can sign up on line, the cost is \$45 per person.

Bob Schott – will be at Camp Sunshine on February 17 and February 21 teaching families to ski. He is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested in helping.

AG Chris S. – posters and tickets are available for the Special Olympics Dance. See Chris to get them.

Dan H. – don't forget that next week is an evening meeting at Daddy O's in Oxford. The program will be on Club Protection. And don't forget we have started with our Membership Drive. Let's get some new members!

Ron Morse – has been released from rehab and he and Laura are now living with their son in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. His address is 66 Boulder Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. His phone number is 207-890-2933.

Last Week:

PE Lynne led us in the Pledge, 4 Way test and Rotary prayer. Dan Allen was back this week and he led us in singing "My Country 'tis of Thee".

Interact Advisor and Youth Service Chair Tina Fox talked gave a brief overview of the Student of the Month program and the process by which students are nominated. The students were then introduced and given their awards after which Dan Allen presented the students with a 4 Way Test key chain and gave a brief history of Rotary and our club.

The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

Happy Dollars 😊

Dan A. had happy dollars for the results of his colonoscopy and he was happy for not being sued after all. It seems the other Dan Allen in town was the one being sued, but it took a bit of effort on Dan's part to convince the plaintiff's attorney.

Lynne was happy to see her kids over the weekend but also had a sad dollar for President Pat not being among us.

Bob was happy to have a few people to help with the skiing at Camp Sunshine, but can always use more. For two hours of time, you will get a free day pass for helping out.

John spoke with Glen on Tuesday morning. He and Sharon stopped in Pennsylvania to see some friends their first night on the road and made it as far as the junction of I81 and I77 in Virginia on Monday. They had heavy rain all the way but made out fine. John also had a sad dollar for his aunt, who at 93, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

50/50 – The grandmother of one of our students had the winning ticket. However, she did not draw the King of Clubs from the deck. The pot rolls over.

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

February Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

February Membership Anniversaries – Pat Cook – 20 yrs. – 2/2

February is Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

"I believe we can change the world, one life at a time. No project is too small or insignificant, especially to those who benefit. My hope is that these seeds of service will blossom and live on for countless generations to come.

~ Bhichai Rattakul, former RI President ~

And the more things change, the more they stay the same:

"What was this telegraph to do? Would it transmit letters and newspapers? And besides, the telegraph might be made very mischievous, and secret information thereafter communicated to the prejudice of merchants."

Senator George McDuffie, on an amendment to allocate funds to construct a telegraph line between Baltimore and New York City, 1845.

Remember the 4-Way Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and 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



February Students of the Month – Compassion and Generosity

9th grade – Caroline Sheets, nominated by Andrew Merrill

Caroline embodies compassion and generosity in our school community in a number of ways. Caroline is generous and patient in her Maine Woods Pathway class. She will take the time to practice concepts and skills with classmates. She is a quick study and having a student who is willing to share her skills and knowledge, like Caroline does, is very valuable in a large class filled with new hands on concepts and tasks. She exemplifies compassion with her peers. She is respectful of others' feelings. Caroline is perceptive of peers needs and acts on these perceptions with dignity. Her intelligence is not off-putting to her peers, rather respected and appreciated. I cannot think of one person in the class that dislikes Caroline.

Caroline uses her compassion and generosity in the classroom in a mentor-like capacity. She is very comfortable with being able to master academic concepts with apparent ease and quick in speed. In the Maine Woods Pathway, we practice with many hands-on tools. Caroline helps generously in academics and will graciously accept help and mentoring in these kinesthetic experiences that do not come as naturally to her. In times of need, she is respectful and dignified with those that are helping her. Her compassion for others is so great that her peers, in my observations, enjoy being able to help her, as much, if not more than when they receive the help that they need from her.

10th grade – Keegan Meserve, nominated by Chris O'Brien

Keegan goes out of his way to help and support his friends. Keegan helps out friends and other students with their work. He is quick to share his answers and give in class examples. He will partner with students that struggle to find partners. I have never heard him say an unkind word about anyone.

11th grade – Courtney Hinkley, nominated by Scott Walker

Courtney is extremely generous with her time while supporting her fellow students. Courtney completes all her assignments with obvious care but what separates her is her willingness to share what she has learned to the benefit of her fellow students. Without Courtney, the entire back corner she sits with would be lost.

Courtney had read – according to the assignment – the entirety of the Frederick Douglass Slave Narrative. Despite she being only one of the few, Courtney was honest and open when sharing the details of the reading and discussing themes. This enabled her fellow students to understand the material, which allowed them to start an outline before they had actually completed the reading.

12th grade – Shaelyn Hanscom, nominated by Cindy Goddard

Shaelyn is always willing to give up her time to help in the field hockey program. She coached a youth team in the spring and did all the scheduling in the summer, and then during the regular season organized the team events. When it was the senior game, she made sure the visiting seniors also got a gift. She is always thinking of others before herself.

Shaelyn also is Student Council President, a member of the National Honor Society and has been a Viking mentor all of which she volunteers countless hours for in the school community as well as community service projects. She is always willing to help whenever needed.