

Rotary



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."

2018-2019 Officers:

Rotary International President: Barry Rassin - District 7780 Governor: John LoBosco – Oxford Hills Rotary President: George Rice – Pres. Elect: Pat Cook – Vice-pres.: Lynne Schott – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Weston – 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 President and PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good morning and Welcome! Today is the 51st day of 2019. There are 314 days remaining in the year. This morning will be a club assembly and discussion. Our greeter is Abbie Earle.

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:

21 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. George Rice and Pat Cook have volunteered to help serve.

27 - Chris Summers and Curtis Cole. The Students of the Month for February and their guests will be with us. Our guest speaker will be Lee Dassler from Roberts Farm Preserve.

March:

2 – Cornhole Tournament, Rowe School Gymnasium, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

4 – March Board Meeting – Deering Memorial Community Center, South Paris, 5:30 PM.

8 – Friday meeting with the Interact and Exchange Students for their ski weekend. Dan Allen is greeter.

13 – March Students of the Month and Beth Abbott

20 – Tonya Swart and Val Weston

21 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need two volunteers to help serve.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians. However, we had a number of guests from Rowe Elementary school: Addisyn Hicks, Abigail Toohey, Katelyn Geyer, Cyrus Colello and Walking School Bus co-ordinator, Chris Colello. Kayleigh Carchene was the guest of Tonya Swart. Please excuse me if I have spelled any names wrong as some of the writing was a little hard to decipher.

Rotary Moment:

We recently held a Fireside Chat at Talley's house for Marianne Todd and Heidi Ortiz. Tally talked about the purpose of holding a Fireside Chat and the fact that clubs that do them have a higher retention rate for new members.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – hoping to have Cornhole posters from Miranda shortly. Registration forms are now available and so far we have received \$115 worth of sign-ups so far. Still looking for kids prizes so if anyone would like to donate, that's what we need. WJ Wheeler recently donated two \$50 certificates and we have food commitments from Aroma Joe's, Dunkin', Rising Sun Café, Yianni's, Smokin' Daves and perhaps Whoopie Pies from the "Marshall girls."

Chris Summers – the first Ray Brown Memorial Special Olympics Dance committee meeting will be next Wednesday (now this Wednesday) at the X-Vault at 5:30 PM. It has been suggested that we use a DJ rather than a band which is under consideration.

Tonya Swart – announced that on Tuesday, February 12, Aroma Joe's in Oxford, in partnership with Rotary, will donate all proceeds for the entire day to the local food banks. In addition, all Rotarians will receive a free 24 oz. drink – and remember, if you are not into coffee, they have smoothies and other drinks. This is an awesome contribution! Thank you Tonya and Aroma Joe's.

Val Weston – kind of short notice, but there is an opportunity for Rotarians to travel to Romania during the first two weeks of May. Applications for the trip must be in by February 10th. Cost will be about \$1,000.00 per Rotarian, all other costs are covered by Rotary. Those who go will be staying with Rotarians in their homes.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "When We Meet at Rotary" and Curtis Cole gave the blessing. We were all glad to see Dan again after an absence of several weeks while he was busy creating a new salon for his wife, Nancy.

Dan Hart introduced Chris Colello, the coordinator of the Walking School Bus program this year. Chris has worked with Club Rowe for 11 years and is currently an Ed Tech at the school. The idea for the Walking School Bus program started 4 years ago but has only been a reality for 2 years. Besides Norway, only Portland and Ellsworth have similar programs. Right now, the kids and volunteers meet at Ari's in

Norway starting at 7:45 AM. They leave Ari's at 8:08 AM and walk down Whitman Street to Pearl Street, then cross over Cottage and walk down Beal Street to the school. The walk takes about 20 minutes. In the afternoon, they leave the school at 3:15 PM and retrace their steps in the opposite direction, ending at Ari's. They walk, rain or shine so there is a need for umbrellas and they could also use a couple of first aid kits. The walk is open to grades K-6 and Chris is working to expand the walk to the other side of town to include kids from Alpine and Tucker Streets.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 – **Dan A.** was happy to be back. The new salon opened yesterday. **Dan H.** had a happy dollar for the Walking School Bus program. He also announced the change on our background checks coming from Info-Maine rather than the Essex program through Rotary. **Curtis** had happy dollars for George and Patty for their work on the Annual dinner last Saturday. **Patty** had a happy dollar for the dinner and a grateful dollar that George was careful and didn't fall again. It was a fun night. She also congratulated Tally on her ROTY award. **John** was sad to be dealing with another attack of vertigo but was glad to be well enough to attend the dinner. **George** was happy to see so many friends at the dinner, some who came long distances to be with us. **Bob** announced that he has skied 105 days on his new knee this season and pain free at that.

50/50: Liz Knox drew Curtis's number but Curtis did not find the yellow ball. There was \$23 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 – 19 yrs. – 2/2

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month

“You may call for peace as loudly as you wish, but where there is no brotherhood, there can in the end be no peace.”

~ Max Learner ~
The Gifts of the Magi

Thought for the Week:

“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make up their minds.”

~ Unknown ~

Remember the 4 Way Test:

1. Is it the **TRUTH?**
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** 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