

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 58th day of 2019. There are 307 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the February Students of the Month and their guest with us – postponed from February 13. Chris Summers is program chair and he has invited Lee Dassler to speak to us about the Roberts Farm Preserve. Curtis Cole 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.

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

18 – District Grants Management Seminar, Southern Maine Community College, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

20 – Tonya Swart and Val Weston

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

23 – District Interact Conference at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

27 – Marianne Todd and Chris Weston

April:

3 – Miranda Ward and Miranda Ward

6 – District Training Assembly, York County Community College, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

10 – Students of the Month and Marianne Todd

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians. Marianne Todd was the guest of Curtis Cole and Heidi Ortiz was the guest of Abbie Earle, both for the last time!

Rotary Moment:

Curtis reminded us of the importance of filling in our volunteer hours in the notebook each week. Don't let it go because you might not remember something. It's not to keep tabs on us but to document what we do in our communities to support our club's and RI's goals.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – So far, we have support from 22 businesses for the Cornhole Tournament. We will have a sufficient number of \$10 gift cards to do random drawings throughout the day so will need Stan's ticket roll. We will be going by official Cornhole rules and are in need of judges and scorers. Registration will start at 9:00 AM with a 10:00 AM start. Still thinking about having background music if someone has a CD player we can use.

Chris Summers – DG John LoBosco is at home recovering from his heart surgery. It was successful and our thoughts are with him. Don't forget the District Assembly on Saturday, April 6, and there is an RLI session at York Community College on April 20. If you have never been to an Assembly or RLI, please think about going. Also please keep the District Conference in mind – June 21 & 22 at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth.

President George – delivered out last food basket to the pantry at Rowe Elementary School.

Tina Fox – preparation for the Interact District Conference is moving along. A letter has been sent to businesses asking for support. The speakers are set and the registration form is on the web site. It has been decided that food choices will be salad, pizza and pasta dishes.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless Our Rotary", telling us the last time we sang it was on September 18. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

President George presented Perfect Attendance Awards to Patty Rice, 26 years, and Stan Brett, 23 years, then Secretary John presented George with his award for 25 years.



We then inducted Marianne Todd and Heidi Ortiz into membership. President George presented them with their New Member Kits, coffee mugs and pins. Thankfully, Dan was present and able to lead us in singing the Coffee Mug song. Congratulations Marianne and Heidi! We are all very pleased that you have chosen to join Rotary.

President George then presented a slate of officers for 2019-2020.

President:	Pat Cook
President-elect:	Lynne Schott
Vice-president:	
Treasurer:	Patty Rice
Secretary:	John Griffith
Immediate Past President:	George Rice
Club Service Director:	Chris Weston
Vocational Service Director:	Dan Hart
Community Service Director:	Beth Abbott
Youth Service Director:	Tina Fox
International Service Director:	Val Weston
Foundation Chair:	George Rice
Sgt. At Arms:	Stan Brett

We do need a Vice-president who would be president for the Rotary year of 2021-2022. Please speak to any officer or director if you are interested in serving.

There being no further discussion, Dan Allen moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers. Curtis Cole seconded the motion, which carried. Secretary John Griffith then cast one ballot, electing the officers and directors.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Dan H.** had a happy \$5 for the Fireside Chat for Marianne and Heidi that we had at Tally's house. All that attended enjoyed it very much. Dan also told us that the Walking School Bus kids who visited with us a couple of weeks ago really liked the breakfast and want to come again. **Patty** had happy dollars for the two new calves in the barn – a boy and a girl. **Bob** took the two kids skiing that we sponsored, although the boy and their father did not get there until around noon time. Bob said they had a great time. **Dave** had a happy dollar for George Playing Pond Hockey. Dave also told us that Bill Gates, a member of the River Valley Rotary (Rumford) passed away recently. **John** showed a picture that **Frank Shorey** sent along with a note telling us that he was the spaghetti and peanut butter man for the Murdock, Florida, Rotary Club's food pantry donation.

50/50: Bob Schott drew Miranda's number but Miranda did not find the yellow ball. There was \$34 in the pot.

March Birthdays – Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; David (Liz) Knox – 3/24; Chris Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31.

March Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

March Membership Anniversaries – Dan Allen – 35 years – 3/6; Bob Schott – 23 years – 3/27.

Thought for the Week:

“Love is a fruit in season at all times and within the reach of every hand.”

~ Mother Teresa ~

Did you know:

The word calendar comes from the Latin word Kalendae which means the first day of the month.

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