

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."

2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Lynne Schott

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 60th day of 2017. There are 305 days remaining in the year. Miranda Ward is program chair this morning and Dan Hart is 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.

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

3/17 – Friday Meeting with Exchange Students & Interact for their ski weekend and Beth Garza

3/22 – Chris Weston and Tally Decato

3/29 – Val Weston and Louise-Firth Campbell

4/3 – Board Meeting at Joel's Office in South Paris, 5:30PM

4/5 – April Students of the Month and Tally Decato

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. David Rowell from Arizona was the guest of Ed Lyons and George and Louise Campbell were the guests of Ron Morse.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter George Rice talked about the history of Rotary's Mottoes. Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, date back to the early days of the organization. In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in America, in Portland, Oregon. The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service, Not Self, which came from the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both mottoes, slightly modified, were approved as the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 Rotary Convention in Detroit. Service, Not Self, became Service Above Self. In 1989, the Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the Council in 2004 to They Profit Most Who Serves Best and in 2010, the Council changed it to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.

New Member Induction:

In the absence of President Joel and PE Chris, VP George Rice had the honor of inducting our two newest members, George and Louise Campbell. George and Louise were sponsored by Ron Morse. They are retired from Human Resources and Management positions and have become very active in the club over the last couple of months, even though they were not officially members. We heartily welcome George and Louise as members of the King of Clubs!

Announcements:

VP George Rice – February 23rd is the 112th Anniversary of Rotary.

Don't forget the board meeting on Monday, February 27, at Joel's office in South Paris.

Chris Summers – I have not talked with Chris but I assume the food basket distribution after last week's meeting went well as did the Special Olympics Dance meeting.

Patty Rice – handed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the Progress Center Community Dinner on March 17 and it came back to her with volunteers signed up through June. Wonderful!

Last Week:

Program Chair Chris Summers introduced our guest speaker, John Longley, from the Paris Fire Department. John talked to us about the need for volunteer fire fighters and the current lack of interested and qualified people to be fire fighters. Currently, the average age of volunteer fire fighters in Maine is 58, and getting older all the time. Like other clubs and organizations, there has been a steady decline in numbers over the last 20-30 years. John started a fire fighter program through Region 9 School of Technology that gives 16-18 year old students an opportunity to become certified fire fighters and obtain college credits for same while still in high school. It has been a very successful program and he would like to establish a similar program at Oxford Hills but has found that the school administration has not been supportive of the program, despite its success in Region 9. John spoke to us in the hopes of gaining some insight into how to approach the school district and for us as community members to support his program.

Happy Dollars – Kim was happy that the Edward Little swimming teams – men and women – won the Good Sportsmanship award at the end of the season. She also had a mixed emotion dollar for her father, who is an excellent skier, but recently had a bad skiing accident. He broke his leg which required 8 screws, a bone graft and a plate to repair. Dave had a sad dollar for Kim's dad, his brother. Between the two of them, they have a combined total of more than 100 years on skis and have never had a serious accident. To console his brother, he gave him the Sports Illustrated swim suit issue! Bob was happy to have had the opportunity to ski with George and Louise Campbell and George was happy to receive a lesson from Bob. Stan was happy that we finally had a meeting after so many missed because of the weather.

50/50 – Rachel drew Curtis's number but Curtis didn't draw the King of Clubs. Better luck next time. There was \$191 in the pot.

March Birthdays: George Campbell – 3/2; Kim Preble – 3/6; Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Dan (Trish) Logan – 3/15; Laura Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Jack Sours – 3/23; Chris Weston – 3/25; Beth Garza – 3/27; Herb (Lois) Strauss – 3/27; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

March Anniversaries: None Listed for March

March Membership Anniversaries: Dan Allen – 33 yrs. – 3/7; Kim Preble – 2 yrs. – 3/11; Bob Schott – 21 yrs. – 3/27

And a Groaner:

A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor, I think I am shrinking!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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

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