

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 and AG Chris Summers

Welcome! And Happy St. Patrick's Day Today is the 76th day of 2017. There are 289 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the Exchange and Interact Students as our guests. Beth Garza 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.

3/22 – Chris Weston and Tina Fox

3/29 – Val Weston and Louise Firth-Campbell

4/3 – April Board meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30PM – 6:30PM

4/5 – April Students of the Month and Pat Cook

4/8 – Ray Brown Memorial Dance for Special Olympics, 8:00PM – 11:00PM, Norway Legion Hall

4/12 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole

4/19 – Dan Allen and Tally Decato

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Our guests were the March Students of the Month and their guests.

Announcements:

Pat – The Rotarian of the Year presentation has been tentatively postponed until our change-over dinner in June, so stay tuned.

Chris S. – filled in for Joel last week as Joel was unable to attend the meeting. Chris also announced that he is also "filling in" for the remainder of this year as Assistant Governor for our region for Cathy Sullivan, who has resigned in order to avoid personal conflicts of time and energy at this time in her life.

Last week:

PP Chris led the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Allen (thankfully) led us in “God Bless Our Rotary” and Glenn Huntley offered the blessing.

PP Chris started this week’s program by introducing Hilary Hendricks, director of the Oxford Hills Education Exchange. Hilary then introduced the four students of the month and told us this month’s theme is Responsibility, which is the basis upon which each student was nominated.

Dave Preble introduced freshman Marla Tanous; Dan Allen introduced sophomore Travis Pike; Miranda introduced junior Luke Allen and Lynne Schott introduced senior Garrett Haslett. Garrett told us he has no firm plans for next year. The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

PP Chris then asked three people to tell us what responsibility meant to them. Junior Luke Allen said when you take responsibility, accept blame or credit for what happens next. Parent Jen Lance said to her that it meant knowing your place in the world and to be prepared to step up in order to get something done. Glenn Huntley said it is to make sure that people can count on us. He also said the 4-Way Test was a good example of responsibility and the club then recited it at that time.

Dan Allen gave everyone an over view of what Rotary is and does and he handed out 4-Way Test coins to the students as is our usual practice. Dan then asked a couple of Rotarians to tell the group why they were Rotarians. Dave Preble said it was because he wants a way to give back to the community in which he lives and works. Miranda said it was because she witnessed Rotary as a role model for community service while growing up in this community. The experience caused her to seek membership later as an adult.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Dave** had two happy dollars after speaking with both Paul and Ron this week. They, along with Dawn and Laura, had all gotten together recently in Florida. **Lynne** was happy that Bob’s car-deer encounter in last night’s foggy weather wasn’t worse than it was and that Bob was fine. (Was it your car, Lynne? - ed.) The deer was never found and assumed to be okay. **Glenn** was happy to have talked with John last Saturday when the wind chill here was well below zero. John is now in Florida and toasty warm. In absentia, **John** was happy to be in Florida, happy that Glenn called, but is missing Shelley and the grand-kids.

March Birthdays – George Campbell – 3/2; Kim Preble – 3/6; Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Dan (Trish) Logan – 3/15; Laura (Ron) 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

March Membership Anniversaries: Dan Allen – 33 yrs. – 3/7; Kim Preble – 2 yrs. – 3/11; Bob Schott – 21 yrs. – 3/17

Thought for the week:

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.”

~ Walter Winchell ~

The Daily Extra:

200 years ago on March 8, 1817...

The New York Stock and Exchange Board is formally organized. The brokers rented rooms at 40 Wall St. with Anthony Stockholm presiding as the Board's president. The origins of the Exchange can be traced to May 17, 1792, when the Buttonwood Agreement was signed on Wall St. by twenty four brokers who agreed to trade securities on commission. The name was shortened to The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in 1863.

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

Thanks to Curtis Cole for taking the notes and Grassroots Graphics for printing this edition of the Reader.

March Students of the Month

9th grade – Marla Tanous, nominated by her Social Studies teacher

“Marla is always giving her time to school and community. This includes helping her peers on math, being part of the Key Club, a member of the ski team and always pushing herself to be a good student. Marla is truly a team player and I feel that she makes the school and community a better place by being both a model student and model young citizen.”

“Marla is very involved in multiple activities. Recently, she asked to join Key Club. Key Club is very focused on making the school and community a good place. When Marla discovered it wasn’t too late to join, she immediately began attending meetings and making plans to help with future events, such as Oxford Hills Got Talent. Another thing that makes me think Marla deserves this recognition would be all the times she is willing to help her peers during tutorial to understand challenging math concepts.”

10th grade – Travis Pike, nominated by his Science teacher

“Travis is a leader in my biology class. He completes his work on time and helps other students when they do not understand an assignment. He does this with a smile and is very approachable. Students feel comfortable seeking him out for help. He also seeks out other students to help when he completes his own work. He has a great sense of humor and is a pleasure to have in class. His tone sets the tone for the rest of the class, making him a true leader. “

11th grade – Luke Allen, nominated by Patty Williamson, Ed Tech at OHCHS

“I do not have Luke in any of my classes. I have just witnessed his presence in the school and community.”

“Luke is the Junior class president and I always see him at the forefront of all student activities. He enthusiastically cheers on his class, the sports teams and the school. He cares that the school is represented in the best way possible. He dresses up for every school spirit day, decorates all of the floats and hallways. This past Saturday, Luke spent the entire day volunteering for Project Graduation; this is just one example of his commitment to school and community. Luke is also a member of the National Honor Society where he is involved in community service and fund raising for charity. I am exhausted just skimming the service of Luke’s many contributions. If there was ever an example of the Student of the Month for this category, it is Luke.”

12th grade – Garrett Haslett, nominated by his Auto Collision Repair teacher and a previous Social Studies teacher

“Garrett is kind to everyone and is never in anything but a positive mood. He makes sure to say hello to everyone and addresses them by name. He also shares his knowledge with others when necessary.”

“The entire class was outside pushing a vehicle that did not run. Garrett pulled a large cardboard box out of the snow bank, broke it down and put it in the proper dumpster. This was done all on his own without being asked to do it.”

“Garrett carries a level of honesty that is rarely seen today in our youth. He is sincere, caring and is overwhelmingly thankful for any help he receives from his peers/teachers.”