

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, March 22, 2017



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
Norway, ME 04268



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! Today is the 81st day of 2017. There are 284 days remaining in the year. Chris Weston is program chair and Tina Fox 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.

3/25 – Interact/New Generations Conference, Scarborough HS, 8:00AM – 2:00PM

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 – District Assembly at USM in Portland, Hannaford Hall, 96 Falmouth St., 8:00 AM – 12:30PM

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

4/12 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole

4/15 – Four Way Test Contest submission deadline

4/19 – Dan Allen and Tally Decato

4/26 – Anderson Staples Post and George Campbell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Our guests were Abby Buck from the Interact Club, who was the guest of Tina Fox and Cheng Yen, OHCHS Chinese exchange teacher, guest of Lynne Schott.

Announcements:

President Joel – We will not be having an evening meeting on March 29 but will have our regularly scheduled morning meeting.

Beth – The District Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th, at USM in Portland.

AG Chris S. – Attended PETS in Massachusetts last weekend as part of his new role. Topics of note were membership and retention of members being foremost in everyone’s mind. RI is looking at ways to attract and retain Rotarians for future generations through relevancy and conforming more to today’s culture. Also, there is a problem with singing continuing to be a part of Rotary meetings and what to do about that. Lastly, he asked everyone to remember their “Rotary moment” (if they’ve had one). Chris said he had one during a food basket drive here in Oxford Hills a few years ago as well as one at this year’s PETS: money on an impromptu basis was raised at one of the evening meetings starting with a \$20 pledge from one Rotarian. It snowballed into over \$50,000 raised \$20 at a time along with pledges by all eight districts present at PETS. This money will be earmarked to buy books for 14 libraries for indigenous peoples in Canada. These libraries were started by Rotarians, the original keynote topic.

PE Chris W. – Attended PETS in Quebec, Canada, last weekend due to a personal scheduling conflict which didn’t allow him to attend the PETS in Massachusetts.

Last week:

Joel led us in the Pledge, Cheng Yang lead us in singing “Happy Birthday” in Mandarin (same tune), and Glenn offered the blessing.

Bob, Lynne and Tina described what would be happening this weekend with the students, starting with today’s plan to X-country ski at Carter’s in Bethel. Many thanks to honorary member, Anne Carter, for hosting the group. After lunch in Bethel, the group will travel to Bridgton and downhill ski this afternoon and tomorrow while staying at Shawnee Peak’s Eastside Lodge Friday night.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Patty** had two dollars – one for George who is hoping that surgery will solved the problem of a bulging disc prognosis that’s severely limited his physical activity as he has to use a walker and wheelchair. Please keep George in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery. Patty’s second dollar was for the Rice Farm that recently saw the arrival of a baby bull whose name will likely be “Windy” due to the severe wind that blew during his birth. **Bob** had a happy dollar for CMP that finally installed the second electrical meter at their house as their electric bill fell last month from \$85 to the monthly minimum of \$12.85 as a result of the solar panels Bob recently installed. **Lynne** was happy that we got snow for the weekend and that although it will be cold, ski conditions will be excellent. Tina was happy that her grandkids were able to sing happy 50th birthday to her by video link from West Virginia. Pat cook then led the room in singing Happy Birthday to Tina. Once again, in absentia, **John** had a sad dollar for driving all the way to Lakeland on Sunday to watch the remote controlled model jets at Florida Jets, only to find that everyone left Saturday night, although the event was advertised as a full day event for Sunday.

50/50 – Curtis drew the 3 of Hearts and added it to the collection of non-starters.

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:

“In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different.”

~ Coco Chanel ~

Did you know?

In the spring of 1508, Leonardo da Vinci produced the first known sketches that suggested the optics of the human eye could be altered by placing the cornea directly in contact with water. His ideas eventually led to the development of contact lenses.

The Four Way Test:

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

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

