

# 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."

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## 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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 88th day of 2017. There are 277 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning and Pat Cook 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](mailto: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.

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

**4/5 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole**

**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 – April Students of the Month and Louise Firth-Campbell**

**4/15 – Four Way Test Contest submission deadline**

**4/19 – Visioning Meeting Part I and Tally Decato**

**4/26 – Visioning Meeting Part II and George Campbell**

**5/1 – May Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30PM – 6:30PM**

**5/3 – May Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Tina Fox talked about the Interact Assembly in Scarborough on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The assembly will run from 8:00AM to 3:00PM and Tina expects that there will be 11 or 12 in attendance.

## Announcements:

**President Joel** – presented Dan Allen with his 27<sup>th</sup> year perfect attendance award. Congratulations, Dan!

**Dan** – reminded all that 27 years is not necessarily consecutive years in a row; that his attendance has not been perfect for 27 straight years. He has had imperfect attendance various years interspersed over his 33 year Rotary career.

**AG Chris S.** – Reminder that the Special Olympics Dance Committee would again be meeting at X Vault tonight (now last week) at 5:30PM. If you have any unsold tickets, please turn them in because they can and likely will be sold by other members.

**PE Chris W.** – will be talking about his PETS weekend next week, the 29<sup>th</sup>, (now this week). I guess he's Val's guest speaker!

**Tina** – Because there will be 11 or 12 Interact members attending the Assembly, it was hoped the board would approve the rental of a 12 passenger van for that purpose. (The board met after the meeting and approved \$90 for a van rental). Also, Tina said she has 3 or 4 sophomores interested in the RYLA conference this summer that would be attending the Assembly, hoping they would find out more about RYLA while there.

**Secretary John** – due to the addition of the Visioning meetings and the change in date for the April Students of the Month, there have been substantial changes made to the program chair/greeter schedule from last week, so please pay particular attention to it.

### **Last week:**

Joel led us in the Pledge, Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless Our Rotary" and Glenn offered the blessing.

Pat C. and Louise gave a power point presentation entitled "Translating Vision into Activity" based on the results of the club assembly this past January. Louise said a copy of the presentation will be e-mailed to all club members so that all may review what was presented today. George was planning to present details of the data collected at the assembly but was unable to attend today. His topic was to be: The Visioning Wall Chart Summary, which is data taken directly from the January Visioning Assembly and is the source document for our new vision and mission. This document will also be e-mailed to all members for review.

The plan is to have two more assemblies during our regular breakfast meetings this spring and early summer, the first being planned for Wednesday, April 12. There will be another e-mail sent prior to the meeting outlining which committee topics will be discussed that morning. Members planning to attend should prioritize and decide which committee meeting to attend. The plan also includes a light "continental" breakfast that morning to maximize time spent in committee.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Lynne** had a happy dollar for the great exchange student/Interact ski weekend with Anne Carter and Shawnee Peak. There were 3 students and 1 teacher (Cheng Yang) who were taught skiing for the first time by Bob. Although they had prepared for 20 people to attend but only had 8, it was well worth it and she and Tina were looking forward to planning for next year. **Glenn** had a sad dollar for an unlucky Chickadee which found itself in the electrical transformer on the street near his house. The power went out due to the poor bird's unfortunate choice of habitat. **Kim** had a couple of happy dollars – her father, Auburn Rotarian Pete Preble, is progressing well but is still unable to drive due to the seriousness of his broken leg – and she will be coaching the Poland girl's JV softball team this spring. **Dan** had a happy \$10, pointing out that in the five short years since Chris Summers joined our club, he has served as President and is now our area Assistant Governor. (Chris wanted us to know that this was not a paid political advertisement).

50/50 – Patty drew Stan’s ticket but Stan picked the 4 of Hearts and flicked it.

**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:**

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.”

~ Albert Einstein ~

### **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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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