

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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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 67th day of 2017. There are 298 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Susan Graves.

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.

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

3/22 – Chris Weston and Tina Fox

3/29 – Val Weston and Louise Firth-Campbell

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

4/12 – Beth Abbott and Curtis Cole

4/19 – Dan Allen and Tally Decato

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

Rotary Moment: Greeter Dan Hart reminded us that March is Read Across America month. Last Wednesday was Dr. Seuss Day. The January issue of the Rotarian reported on a Yale University study showed a 20% drop in mortality rates for those who read regularly. Dan also read the Object of Rotary.

Announcements:

President Joel – We received a thank-you card from the East Otisfield Baptist Church food pantry which said that our donation would keep them supplied for 2-3 months.

Don't forget that next week's meeting will be on Friday morning, not Wednesday, as we will be hosting the Interact and Exchange students prior to their leaving on their ski weekend.

There were tentative plans to have the ROTY annual dinner the evening of March 29th. However after the regular club meeting last week, the ROTY committee met with Joel and that date may change to

later in the spring when more members can attend. (Ed. – I am leaving the speaker and greeter list in place until a final decision has been made).

District Conference information is now available on line if you want to check it out or speak to Joel and he will share the info with you.

Lynne Schott – May Day play day will be on Saturday, May 13th, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be a committee planning meeting this month, time and date yet to be scheduled.

Chris Summers – The annual Ray Brown Memorial Dance for Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 8:00PM – 11:00PM at the Norway Legion Hall. Display posters are available so see Chris for them. Music will be Nessie and the Birch St. Jammers. The cost is \$15 per person and BYOB. A final committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd, at X-Vault.

Food baskets were distributed to 22 needs based families on February 22nd. Chris and Beth will provide more details this morning.

Pat Cook – We will have an overview of the January Visioning Meeting results at our regular meeting on March 22nd.

Bob Schott – Two road tolls have been scheduled for this year – September 17th and November 5th. Bob, are you supplying long underwear for the one in November?

Last week:

President Joel led the Pledge of Allegiance, Chris Summers led us in singing Happy Birthday to George Campbell and Glenn Huntley offered the blessing.

President Joel presented Patty Rice with a 24 year perfect attendance award.

Miranda Ward and George Campbell gave classification talks with Miranda leading off. Miranda was born in Key West, Florida, to a single mom. When she was 4 years old, Hurricane Andrew hit the area and she and her mother moved to Norway. She attended Oxford Hills schools, CMMC and graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Miranda first worked as a case worker at the Progress Center but decided her talents were in administrative work involving marketing, development and information technology. She was recently named Employee of the Year at the Progress Center. She lives in Norway with her husband, Andrew (no relation to the hurricane) and her twin sons.

George Campbell grew up in Toronto, Ontario. He went to school in Boston and then returned to Toronto where he worked for 13 years. He originally worked in “personnel” which later became Human Resources. He also worked in “manpower replacement” which became recruitment. George then received a degree in International Labor Relations and went to work for Kendall & Co. in Massachusetts. Kendall is a medical device manufacturer with offices in 17 countries. He explained that each country has its own labor relations laws requiring international employers to be familiar with each country’s labor laws. George has two adult children from a previous marriage. He and Louise moved to their Norway home in 2015, saying retirement is the best job he has ever had!

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 Dave was happy to hear Miranda’s and George’s classification talks, but he was sad to see our 5’ of snow melt so quickly over the last week or so. Chris S. was happy to have won 4 box seat tickets to a Sea Dogs game in May that he plans to raffle off later this month. Tally is happy

to be off to warmer temps in Florida for the next three weeks. Hopefully, she will be able to do some make-ups.

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

I heard a couple of one liners on the radio on my way to Florida that made me chuckle. Unfortunately, my delivery is not the same as his.

“I wanted to go to Target last Friday but I missed.”

“I’ve become addicted to placebos. I just can’t stop taking them.”

~ Comedian Steven Wright ~

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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