

Rotary



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."

2018-2019 Officers:

Rotary International President: Barry Rassin - District 7780 Governor: John LoBosco – Oxford Hills Rotary President: George Rice – Pres. Elect: Pat Cook – Vice-pres.: Lynne Schott – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Weston – Club Service Chair: Chris Summers – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of President and PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good morning and Welcome! Today is the 72nd day of 2019. There are 293 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Beth Abbott 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 207-461-7158 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.

March:

18 – District Grants Management Seminar, Southern Maine Community College, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

20 – Tonya Swart and Val Weston

21 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Dan H. and Pat Cook have volunteered.

23 – District Interact Conference at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

27 – Miranda Ward and Chris Weston

April:

3 – Marianne Todd and Miranda Ward

6 – District Training Assembly, York County Community College, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

10 – Students of the Month and Marianne Todd

17 – Chris Weston and Chris Summers

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests.

Announcements:

President George – reported that at the board meeting last Monday, the board voted financial support for Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham, the Walking School Bus program at Rowe School, and the DECA marketing program at Oxford Hills Technical School.

AG Chris Summers and PE Pat Cook were at the annual PETS conference in Framingham, Massachusetts this (now last) weekend. George also reminded us that there will be a Rotary Leadership Institute in April.

George also announced that Perry Palmer, along with his daughter, Jen, and President George visited Bob Bahre at his office last week. Perry wanted to confer a Paul Harris Fellow Award for Bob for his many years of generous support to the Oxford Hills community. Bob was very appreciative of the award but only wanted it to be given in typical low key Bob Bahre fashion at his office. Bob did, however, tell his assistant to get the award framed and hung in the office reception area as Bob pointed and growled “hang it right there for everyone to see.”

In Dave Preble’s absence, President George reported that the Cornhole Tournament went well and that there will be a second tournament next year. We raised over \$1,000. The regular enthusiasts of the sport who frequently attend tournaments encouraged us to continue with the event and congratulated Dave and the club for a job “well done.”

Bob congratulated Dave and the club for the tournament and thought it went very well for a first time event. Bob suggested that we consider buying our own supply of custom made Cornhole boards and seek out corporate sponsors like Norway Savings Bank does. George said he knows a Rotarian who might be a good person to ask to build these.

Beth reminded everyone that the cornhole was Bob’s idea and the club gave Bob a round of applause.

Bob encouraged club members to ski with him this weekend at Shawnee since the ski weekend was cancelled. Marianne Todd she would be joining us at the Peak for a Bob Schott customized ski lesson.

Marianne said she attended Wednesday’s Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative meeting and would be, at Dave’s and Chris’ encouragement, continue attending as our club’s representative.

Chris W. congratulated the Oxford Hills girls basketball team for winning their first state title last weekend.



On behalf of Dan Hart, Patty announced that next week (now this) would be the deadline for submitting releases for the background checks that are now required by RI for all members. Patty also thanked

John and George for serving at the Progress Center last month and that Pat and Dan H. have volunteered to help out this month.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Because of the cancellation of the ski weekend, we did not have a program.

 Happy Dollars  – Patty was happy to announce that the Rice farm family has a new baby bull by the name of Charlie. He joins a brother and sister this year. Dan A. was happy that Bob called him this morning to remind him to come to Rotary. He was also happy to actually be here. Bob was happy that he would be hosting Owen and his sister, Olivia, on Sunday, weather permitting, to ski at Shawnee. Their mother is the cancer treatment center nurse in Lewiston who is battling cancer that we all know about.

50/50: Don’t know who drew the winning ticket, but they drew Val’s number. Unfortunately, she did not draw the yellow ball and missed out on the \$52 in the pot.

March Birthdays – Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; David (Liz) Knox – 3/24; Chris Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31.

March Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

March Membership Anniversaries – Dan Allen – 35 years – 3/6; Bob Schott – 23 years – 3/27.

The Rotary Theme for March is Water and Sanitation

“Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.”

~ W.H. Auden ~

Did you know:

Napping Day falls on the Monday after Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States, so you can make up for the hour you lost with the time change (if you need an excuse to nap, that is). If you did not take your nap before you see this, please feel free to do so, even if it is Tuesday or Wednesday.

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