

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."

2017-2018 Officers:

Rotary International President: Ian Risely - District 7780 Governor: David Underhill – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Weston – Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-pres.: Pat Cook – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Joel Speakman – 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 PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 73rd day of 2018. There are 292 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is William Cronin.

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.

3/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner. We need two volunteers to help.

3/18 – Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast, Gould Academy in Bethel from 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

3/19 – Next year's board meeting with PE George Rice at Market Square Restaurant, 5:30 PM

3/21 – Miranda Ward and Pat Cook

3/24 – RLI at York County Community College, Wells, ME, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

3/26 – Rotarian of the Year dinner at Maurice's in South Paris, 5:30 PM. This will be a private party for us as the restaurant is closed to the public on Mondays.

3/28 – Quarterly Visioning Assembly and Curtis Cole

4/2 – April board meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM

4/4 – Club Assembly and George Campbell

4/7 – District Assembly at York County Community College, York, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

4/11 – April Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Our guest speaker, Phil Giordano from the Scarborough Rotary, was our only visiting Rotarian. Taylor Haggerty, Jessica Haggerty, Isabelle Thomas, Ruby Morrison and Dana Morrison were the guests of Tina Fox. Tonya Swart from Aroma Joe's was the guest of Chris Weston.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Louise Firth-Campbell talked about an article in the Rotarian that she read about Rotaract. A suggestion from that article was that if a club was not large enough or in a location where it is practical to have a Rotaract, perhaps the club could affiliate with another club to sponsor and maintain a club. By getting young people involved in the ideals of Rotary early on, we can increase our membership by attracting Rotaractors to join Rotary Clubs.

Announcements:

President Chris – If you have not signed up for the Rotarian of the Year dinner, it is not too late to do so. The dinner will be on March 26th at Maurice's in South Paris at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$27.00 per person.

Don't forget the Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast at Gould Academy on Sunday, March 18, from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance, \$12 at the door.

Last Week:

President Chris led us in the pledge and Four Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "Happy Brthday" to George Campbell and our "Welcome" song to our guests. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Program Chair George Rice introduced Phil Giordano from Scarborough. Phil joined Rotary at age 24 and has held many roles since. He is currently the director of the RYLA, held at Camp Hinds every summer. To put it simply, RYLA is a leadership camp. The program is peer led and all of the counselors have been through the program. The course includes activities in ethics, public speaking, community building and social justice, leadership and decision making.

As a demonstration exercise, Phil asked members from two tables to line up in order of birth month and day without talking to one another. After doing so, the club discussed the results, what we learned, what we could have done differently.

Phil trains counselors all year. There will be a spring training session and clean-up day at Camp Hinds in a few weeks, date yet to be determined. Phil said he would love it if each club in the district sent 10 students each! Attendance now runs around 120 – 140 students. The cost is \$375 per student, but he is encouraging clubs to look at this as a scholarship and include it in their scholarship budget.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Tina** had happy dollars for the students with us and for the RYLA program. Her ankle is doing well after surgery and she hopes to be off her crutch soon. **John** had happy dollars for his mother's 100th birthday on March 9. **Dan** said that the South Paris librarian left off some books for the Oxford School book box but Oxford is already well supplied and he would like to expand the program to the Rowe School (which has been done with assistance of Dan Hart). It is interesting to note that parents and staff at Oxford have pitched in to help keep their book box filled. Lastly, I'm sure I speak for everyone that we were all happy to see Sgt. At Arms **Stan Brett** back with us after his illness.

50/50 – Ed Lyons drew Dan Allen's number but unfortunately, Dan drew the 6 of Diamonds. There was \$217 in the pot.

March Birthdays – George Campbell – 3/2; Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; Chris Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

March Anniversaries – None Listed

March Membership Anniversaries: Dan Allen – 34 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 22 yrs. – 3/27

Something extra:

100 years ago, on March 19, 1918, the U.S. Congress established time zones and approved daylight saving time.

Studies show that chewing gum can boost mood, reduce stress and increase alertness.
(I wonder if this study was paid for by the chewing gum companies?)

“Green is my favorite color,” said the Irishman. “I like it better than blue and yellow combined.”

The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

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

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