



Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
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**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

**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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### **2019-2020 Officers:**

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### **Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers**

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**Good Morning!** Today is the 78th day of 2021. There are 288 days remaining in the year. If we were having a meeting, it would be an evening meeting at Daddy O's and our guest speaker would be from the Pink Feather Organization, telling us who they are and what they do. Val Weston would be 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](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

**As we now know, due to the Coronavirus, our meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice. I assume the board will make a decision as to whether to have a board meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> as we get closer to that date.**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the March Students of the Month and their parents and guests.

## Announcements:

**Dave** – planning for the Cornhole Tournament is moving along. The committee is thinking that maybe Honor Flight Maine could benefit from the event and Dave is working on the details. Right now, we need sponsors – looking for 8 \$75 prizes, 16 \$50 prizes and 8 \$25 prizes for the two different divisions. He is also looking for an electronic scoring system. Since this event is scheduled for late April, let's hope we things are back to normal by then.

**Chris S.** – had tickets available for the Ray Brown Dance, which was cancelled. He also had tickets for the Bethel club's Country Breakfast on March 29. I have not received any updates on this so do not know if it is still on or is going to be cancelled.

**Tina** – talked about the Interact Conference which we now know has been cancelled and rescheduled for next October.

**Lynne** – there will be an 8 week exchange student program next year where students will spend four weeks with a foreign student in their country and then host the foreign student four weeks at their home. Information will be sent to schools this fall.

**Heidi** – we still have some cheese wheels left if anyone is interested.

## Last Week:

We had the March Students of the Month and their guests with us – Freshman Caleb Cousins, Sophomore Conner Corbett, Junior Cassidy Dumont and Senior Sam Morton. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

## Happy Dollars 😊

**Dave** - had a happy \$5 because he went to Sugarloaf with a friend and met his brother there. It was a beautiful day. On Saturday, he went to a boat show where there was a Rotary table and they were selling raffle tickets for a kayak he is hoping to win. He also went to Marden's and they had a great deal on lumber that he is looking at to build cornhole boards.

**Tina** – had a happy birthday to Stan's daughter on Friday. She was also happy that 13 Interact students went skiing and enjoyed themselves.

**Patty** – had congratulations to the students and their families. She was sad that long time Kiwanian, Bill Haynes recently passed away.

**Bob** – went to Smuggler's Notch and had fun skiing. He wore a button for the Person of the Year, Greta Thunberg, and received many compliments for doing so. He also visited his grandson at Dartmouth. This was the first weekend in his 25 years at Sugarloaf that he didn't teach skiing because nobody came.

**50/50** – There was \$278 in the pot. Beth’s number was drawn but she drew the Jack of Clubs.

**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** – Ron Morse – 34 yrs. – 3/1; Dan Allen – 36 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 24 yrs. – 3/27

**Considering the shortage and panic buying of a certain kind of paper, I found this and thought it would be appropriate –**

**From the Book of Useless Information:**

**On a Roll** – Toilet paper is one invention that has been flushed with success.

Like pasta and gunpowder, toilet paper was invented in China. Paper made from pulped bamboo and cotton rags was invented by the Chinese, although Egyptians had already been using papyrus plants for a number of years to make writing surfaces. Still, it wasn’t until 1391, almost 1,600 years after the invention of paper, that the Ming Dynasty Emperor first used toilet paper. The government made 2x3 sheets, which either says something about the manufacturing limitations of the day or the Emperor’s diet!

Toilet paper didn’t reach the United States until 1857 when the Gayetty Firm introduced “Medicated Paper.” Prior to the industrial revolution, many amenities were available only to the wealthy. But in 1890, the Scott Paper Company brought toilet paper to the masses. The company employed new manufacturing techniques to introduce perforated sheets. In 1942, Britain’s St. Andrews Paper Mill invented two-ply sheets (the civilized world owes a great debt to the Royal Air Force for protecting this London factory during the Blitz). Two-ply sheets are not just two single-ply sheets stuck together; each ply in a two-ply sheet is thinner than a single-ply sheet. The first “moist” toilet paper – Cottonell Fresh Rollwipes – appeared in 2001.

What was the rest of the world doing? Some pretty creative stuff! The Romans soaked sponges in salt water and attached them to the end of sticks. Medieval farmers used balls of hay. American pioneers used corncobs. Leaves have always been a popular alternative to toilet paper but are rare in certain climates, so Inuit people favor tundra moss. Of all people, the Vikings seemed the most sensible, using wool. It’s not easy being sheep.

### **Remember the 4-Way Test:**

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



## **March Students of the Month – Responsible Citizenship**

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Caleb Cousins – nominated by Erinkate Morrison**

Caleb is well liked by his peers and staff. I quickly noticed his leadership skills and how much influence he has over his peers. He is quiet, but leads by example. In the classroom, he contributes, is respectful and challenges his peers to be better, both academically and personally. Caleb is an honors student and athlete. Although he suffered an extreme loss last year, he is still upbeat and wants to help everyone to succeed and feel included.

As co-advisor for the Unified Club, I felt someone like Caleb would be amazing for us and I was right. This is the first year establishing the club and Caleb, along with some of his close friends, have been a tremendous help. He played a critical role in our initial campaign “Inclusive Schools Week.” He and his peers sat outside lunches and collected hands of students to “set sails towards inclusion.” We have two more campaigns this year and I know he will be instrumental in their success. My hope is that he will join us next year in unified volleyball or unified basketball. Caleb’s ability to make everyone feel welcome and unite people transcends into the classroom. He is in my Pre-AP World History class. There was another student on our team that we felt would benefit from being in a higher level academically and Team 2 knew connecting him with someone like Caleb would enable the student’s smooth transition. True to his nature, Caleb has stepped in and made this student feel included and welcome. Caleb exemplifies responsible citizenship in how he treats others, his ability to include all and ultimately being a role model for his peers.

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Connor Corbett – nominated by Tim Holland (resource officer) and Sarah Wielki (technology specialist)**

**Tim Holland** - Connor is a member of the Key Club, which he attends on a regular basis. He is also a volunteer Junior Firefighter for the Oxford Fire Department. I hear nothing but good praise for him in these activities. At school, Connor is honest and when asked, assists me in my investigations which has helped solve several incidents throughout the school. Connor also assisted me during the Christmas Parade with traffic control.

**Sarah Wielki** – Connor is always willing to help in school. He is a member of the Key Club and helps at the concession stand for basketball games. When I was swamped last fall during laptop deployment with a room full of students, he sat down and began helping me by scanning the laptops. It was a very nice thing to do and super helpful.

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Cassidy Dumont – nominated by Andrew Merrill**

Cassidy always takes personal responsibility for her classwork and for her roles in a group project. She is a hard worker and likes to succeed. She leads through her actions. You can see that she has taken responsibility as a varsity basketball teammate as well. She will grind out the work in order to perfect her game. Because of Cassidy’s personal integrity, she heightens the output of those in her class. That is a great example, at the high school level, of responsible citizenship.

Cassidy has been preparing for her DECA competitive event cluster exam. Our class goal is to score above a 60. Cassidy has routinely scored in the 80's. Her success in these practice exams has spurred her teammates to try and beat her. They are all doing better because of Cassidy's hard work. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom.

**12<sup>th</sup> grade – Sam Morton – nominated by Vicky Merrill**

Sam is our Key Club president and has spent countless hours leading the Club community. He is professional and kind and can juggle band, Key Club, academics and I am sure many other things that I am not aware of.

Sam will often shop for items for the Key Club concessions and volunteers at the concession area. Sam volunteered a lot of his time for the Kiwanis sponsored Breakfast in Whoville, both setting up on Friday and working the event Saturday. He coordinates projects and also participates in them, including the Thanksgiving basket distribution.