The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills PO Box 14 Norway, ME 04268



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

<u>Good morning and Welcome!</u> Today is the 79th day of 2019. There are 286 days remaining in the year. Tonya Swart is program chair and Val Weston is 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:

- 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. Miranda's guest speaker is Darren Goyette, Shared Living Manager of the Progress Center. He will be speaking on Residential Services.

April:

- 1 Board Meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris, 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
- 3 Marianne Todd and Miranda Ward. Marianne will be giving her classification talk.
- 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
- 18 Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM 6:00 PM. We need two volunteers to serve.
- 20 RLI at York County Community College in Wells, 8:00 AM 3:30 PM
- 24 Val Weston and Joel Speakman

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians. Terry Cole was the guest of Curtis Cole, and of course, we had the Students of the Month and their guests with us.

Announcements:

<u>President George</u> – reminded us of the following upcoming extra-club events: Our parent club, Bethel, is holding their spring breakfast fundraiser at the Gould Academy dining hall this coming Sunday, March 17th; the District 7780 Assembly will be on Saturday, April 6th; the next Rotary Leadership seminar will be on Saturday, April 20th. Also, everyone has not handed in their background check forms. The deadline was today (now last Wednesday). Please be sure to get yours to Dan H. asap.

<u>Dave Preble</u> - thanked club members for helping make the 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament a success. Dave will be sending out thank-you cards to sponsors this week.

<u>Tina Fox</u> – announced that the organization and plans for the upcoming Interact Conference at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School are substantially complete. The event will be this coming Saturday, March 23rd. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting help from club members, which I am sure will be circulated again this week.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "America the Beautiful" and "Happy Birthday" to Tina who turned 39 recently.

Tina introduced this month's Student of the Month theme: Responsible Citizenship. Then four club members read short essays outlining the student's qualifications for being honored. Pat introduced freshman Mikaelah Bailey. She had her mother, Danielle Ross and grandmother, Teresa Ross with her. Lynne introduced sophomore, Taylor Haggerty. She introduced her mom, Jessica Haggerty. Tally introduced junior, Chloe Kiley. She introduced her parents, Sheila and Matt Kiley, aunt Kerry Kiley, grandmother Melissa Jewett, and her boss, John Emerson from Bessey Motors. Lastly, Tina introduced senior Cameron Slicer. Cam introduced his parents, Shane and Dianne Slicer. Shane will be attending USM this fall, majoring in occupational therapy. He is also hoping to play baseball for the school as well. The student's write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

Beth then read a brief history of Rotary International and Oxford Hills Rotary Club as well as what the club does year-to-year regarding event sponsorship, fund raising and other annual events that promote the tenants of the Rotary mission. President George handed out 4-Way Test key chains to the students and Dan A. spoke briefly about why he was a Rotarian.

<u>Warianne</u> was happy to hear from Paul Thornfeldt with whom he spoke with for over half an hour. <u>Paul</u> wanted to report that he and Dawne had recently returned from a cruise that included a stop in Cuba. He also said that they miss us all and will be returning in May. <u>Lynne</u> welcomed the Students and their guests and was happy to have recently spent the weekend at Sugarloaf with her granddaughter, son and daughter-in-law. <u>Marianne</u> was happy for this past weekend sharpening her skiing skills with Bob and was now a trainee instructor thanks to Bob. <u>Tina</u> was happy to have been sung to this morning.

<u>50/50:</u> Don't know who drew the winning ticket, but they drew Curtis's number. Curtis picked two more blue balls from the bag for a future winner.

<u>March Birthdays</u> – 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

"We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care."

~ Kofi Annan ~
Past Secretary General, United Nations

Quote of the Day

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want – oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

~ Mark Twain ~

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.orgth

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

March Students of the Month

9th grade - Mikaelah Berry - Nominated by Maranda Parent

"Mikaelah is always on task and sets a great example for her classmates. It often takes Mikaelah a little longer to complete art projects but she is very responsible when it comes to using her own time to get her work done and passed in. Mikaelah produces quality work that shows she has put the most time and effort into it. Mikaela did not finish her last art project before the semester ended but she has come in for every freshman tutorial and many days after school to complete her work."

10th grade - Taylor Haggerty - Nominated by Tina Fox

"Taylor has taken it upon herself to take charge of the Interact Club in the absence of our president. She is organizing the Interact District Conference and updates the Google classroom with our activities. She is willing to run our community service projects and makes sure that everyone is informed and has signed up to participate. Taylor coordinates the after school ski program for the elementary schools on Wednesdays at Robert's Farm. She also volunteered to teach kids from Camp Sunshine how to ski over February vacation at Shawnee Peak."

11th grade – Chloe Kiley – Nominated by Richard Cormier

"Chloe has demonstrated responsible citizenship by helping out while I was on medical leave. Many assignments, she would copy the work and hand it out to different classes and she helps with many of the live jobs that were in house to get them out on time. She stayed in contact with me on the jobs that needed to be completed on time."

12th grade - Cameron Slicer - Nominated by Lori Winslow

"Cameron is always willing to help staff and peers alike. He's a go-getter with a great attitude and fabulous work ethic. I see this in Culinary Arts, on the sports field and in life in general. If you ask Cameron to do a job, you can rest assured that it will be done. Cameron is well respected by teachers, coaches and peers for his leadership and perseverance.

There are many instances when I've seen Cameron exemplify grit, but most recently he volunteered to help serve dinner to parents, contestants, community members and staff at Oxford Hills Tech Challenge. This is a very important responsibility which makes for a 13 hour school day, and Cameron, as always, was up for the challenge."

<u>Thanks to Curtis Cole for taking such great notes for me while I am in Florida. I really appreciate it!</u>