

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 86th day of 2019. There are 279 days remaining in the year. Our program chair is Miranda Ward. Her guest speaker is Darren Goyette, Shared Living Manager of the Progress Center. He will be speaking about Residential Services. Our greeter is PP Chris Weston.

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.

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 or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston, our International Service Chair, gave an update on the Global Grant application for the Clean Water.

Announcements:

President George – Don't forget the District Training Assembly coming up on April 6th at York County Community College in Wells. These Assemblies are great opportunities to learn more about Rotary and discuss ideas with other Rotarians. The club will pay for members to attend.

Our next Lobsters for Scholars drawing will be on June 12. Tickets are available so it is time to start selling them.

We received thank you cards from the Interact Club for our support and also a very nice letter and card from Corey and Lindsay Hascall for inviting them to our 35th Anniversary Dinner. They really appreciated our inviting them in honor of their dad, Chris Hascall, our first president.

Last Week:

Program Chair Tonya Swart talked about Aroma Joe's "Give Back Love" program. On every 3rd Wednesday of the month, they give \$1.00 for every 20 ounce or larger drink that is sold to a local charity. Last month, they donated \$470.00 to two local food pantries.

Tina Fox shared information about the Interact Conference at OHCHS this coming (now last) weekend. I don't have any information on how things went as I write this, but am sure Tina and others participating will tell us at this week's meeting.

Lastly, Abbie and Heidi gave their classification talks.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Dan A. was happy that more free book boxes are on the way and that he is looking for more books appropriate for elementary and middle school children. (On this topic, John took a large box of books to Oxford Elementary before leaving for Florida. These were books that his grandchildren had outgrown or were no longer interested in. This is another way we can support the book boxes). Patty had a happy \$10 as she saw her oncologist for the last time! In absentia, John is loving every minute of the gorgeous Florida weather.

50/50: Heidi drew Pat Cook's number and Pat pulled two blue balls out of the bag. The gold ball remains elusive. Sorry, Pat.

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

“We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.”

~ Jacques Couteau ~

Fun Fact

The expression “mad as a March hare” can be traced back to the 1520’s in England. Male hares had been noted for their odd behavior in March, including boxing at other hares, jumping vertically for no reason and generally displaying abnormal behavior.

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

Thanks to Abbie Earle for taking notes for me last week.