

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 67th day of 2019. There are 298 days remaining in the year. This morning we were supposed to have the Interact students with us for their ski weekend. However, that has been cancelled, so we have an open meeting. Our greeter is Dan Allen.

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:

13 – March Students of the Month and Beth Abbott

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. We need two volunteers to help serve.

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. Our guests were the February Students of the Month and their guests: Sophie Bourget and her parents, Scott and Michelle Bourget; Colin Edwards, and his mother, Rebecca Edwards; Olguine Lane, who was the guest of Tina Fox; Breanna Torres, who was the guest of her friend, Interactor Morgan Laverdiere.

Rotary Moment:

President George told us about a good article in the latest Rotarian about Rotarians and the volunteer hours we log. It's worth checking out.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – the Cornhole Tournament is in 3 days and aside from a few minor things, we are ready. Dave asked that all volunteers be at Rowe school at 8:30 AM to help set up. We have lots of prizes and lots of food. Proper registration is going to be very important so we need to make sure we do it right.

Chris Summers – for Dan Hart, Chris reminded us that the deadline to return the background check form is our next meeting, Friday, March 8. If you need a form, please contact Dan.

Bob Schott – talked about the ski weekend. Skiers will start off having breakfast with us and will then head to Carter's in Bethel for some cross country skiing. They will then head to Shawnee Peak for an afternoon of skiing. They will spend the night in one of the lodges at the Peak and will ski all day Saturday, possibly staying overnight a second night before returning.

Tina Fox – preparation for the Interact District Conference continues. Tina hopes to have the breakout sessions finalized next week. If anyone is interested in participating, please speak to Tina. Pre-registration is slow but will hopefully pick up the closer we get to the date. Overall, we expect 250-300 kids attending.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" with dogs, cats and cows. He divided us into three groups, with each group taking one of the animals. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Our guests were the Students of the Month and their parents. Tina Fox introduced the students and talked about the program. The students were then presented to the club and given their plaques and key chains. It is always a pleasure to have the students with us and it was a great meeting.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Dan H. had a happy \$10 - \$1 for the dogs, \$2 for the cats and \$3 for the cows, the remaining \$5 for such a great club. Bob had a happy dollar for the family who went skiing with him who he connected with through Camp Sunshine. Joel had a happy and sad dollar for his son who has moved to Ohio to start his career. He also announced that his former assistant, Jessica, has

received her licenses and has now become a financial advisor for Edward Jones. As a result, Joel has hired a new assistant for his office. Lynne had happy dollars for the students and that she and Bob are heading to Vermont tomorrow for a couple of days to see their grandson, Skyler. John told us he talked with Glenn Huntley yesterday. Glenn has been having a rough time with his back which all started with a miss-step while playing Pickle Ball.

50/50: Liz Knox drew Joel's number but Joel did not find the yellow ball. There was \$44 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

“Water and sanitation is one of the primary drivers of public health. I often refer to it as ‘Health – 101’, which means that once we can secure access to clean water and to adequate sanitation facilities for all people, irrespective of the difference in their living conditions, a huge battle against all kinds of diseases will be won.”

~ Dr. Lee Jong-Wook, Director General of the World Health Organization.~

Did you know:

Speaking of calendars, the calendar used in most countries now is the Gregorian calendar introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. Its predecessor was the Julian calendar, which had been introduced hundreds of years earlier by Julius Caesar.

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