

# 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."

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## 2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Lynne Schott

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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 102nd day of 2017. There are 263 days remaining in the year. We have the April Students of the Month and their guests with us this morning. Louis Firht-Campbell 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 207-743-6129 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.

- 4/15 – Four Way Test Contest submission deadline**
- 4/19 – Visioning Meeting Part I and Tally Decato**
- 4/26 – Visioning Meeting Part II and George Campbell**
- 5/1 – May Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30PM – 6:30PM**
- 5/3 – May Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns**
- 5/10 – Dan Allen and Rachel Brown**
- 5/10 – OH Middle School Career Day**
- 5/13 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS**
- 5/17 – Anderson-Staples Post and Anderston Staple Post**
- 5/19 – 5/21 – District Conference at Samoset Resort in Rockport**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** We had one visiting Rotarian, PDG Sheila Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region. There were no other guests.

**Rotary Moment:** Alas, Curtis thought he was greeter this week, not last, and was thus unprepared for a Rotary moment.

## Announcements:

**President Joel** – PE Chris Weston wants to form a by-laws committee and is looking for 3 or 4 members to participate. Please speak to Chris if you are interested.

The OH Middle School Career Day is going to be on Wednesday, May 10, this year. It is usually on a Friday so will likely conflict with our morning meeting for those who participate.

**Patty Rice.** – We need a second person to help Dan Hart at the Progress Center Community Dinner on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and AG Chris Summers raised his hand. Thank you for your continued service, Chris.

**Beth Abbott** – keeps all Foundation giving records so if you need to know where you stand, please ask her. Hard to believe, but we are getting near the end of the Rotary year.

### **Last week:**

**President Joel** led us in the Pledge, Dan Allen led us in singing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” and Glenn offered the blessing.

**PDG Sheila Rollins** presented the Club and 2015-2016 PP Chris Summers with a “100% Fund Giving” banner for the club having given at least \$100 per member for the year. Only 25% of clubs make this threshold and so Sheila wanted to heartily congratulate Oxford Hills for our efforts.

**Program Chair Beth Abbott** introduced the newly appointed 2017-2018 ADG, our own Chris Summers. Chris briefly encouraged attendance at the River Valley (Rumford) Club’s upcoming Lobster Lunch to be held Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. He then said he would be encouraging club visits to other clubs to help Rotarians get to know each other in hopes that joint club service projects might evolve. The first step in such a strategy is to meet other Rotarians before we can expect clubs to work together on a project. He then said we need to make an effort to “be a witness” for our enthusiasm and what motivates us as Rotarians. Chris asked four of us to give a brief response to his question. Dave P. said it was the feeling he gets when we all come together as a group; Patty said it was overall Rotary friendship, especially when she was taken ill a few years ago, and how many Rotarians reached out during her recovery; Chris W. said it was the feeling he got when helping low income people with food baskets; Tally said it was her personal connections, first through Middle School Interact, her son and husband who were members, and then as a retiree being better connected to the community. ADG Chris recommended that whatever it is that creates our enthusiasm and motivates us, that we be prepared to include enough detail and emotion to create a lasting impression. Patty reminded us that PP Frank Shorey’s motto his year as club president was: “Enthusiasm is Contagious: Catch It!”

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Susan** was happy to announce that she would be traveling to Italy with her sister for two weeks. This would be her first time abroad and she was very much looking forward to it. **Lynne** was happy that she survived babysitting for her two year old granddaughter on Monday while her daughter-in-law was recovering from day surgery. There is a reason why we don’t raise little children in our 60’s and she will be “witness” to that at any time. **Bob** had a dilemma dollar and wanted someone to step forward and take his place Saturday at the District Assembly, if possible. Bob had a better offer to go skiing with his son, Will, at Sugarloaf and thought he’d accept. He would still be coming home for the Rotary-Kiwanis Dance that night at the Norway Legion. **Patty** was happy to report that George is gaining after his surgery last Thursday. As long as he didn’t do anything “stupid”, he could expect a good recovery. Also the Rice farm saw the arrival of a second baby bull that they named Arnie after a dear friend and PDG who was a member of George’s District Governor class in 1995-1996. **John** is continuing to enjoy the beautiful Florida weather and is happy to be traveling to Miami on Tuesday to visit his son-in-law’s parents for a few days.

**50/50 – Miranda drew Tally’s number but Tally drew the 4 of Diamonds. Sorry Tally!**

**April Birthdays** – Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24

**April Anniversaries** – None listed

**April Membership Anniversaries:** None listed

### **Humor Me!**

**“My favorite exercise is a cross between a lunge and a crunch. I call it lunch.”**

**“I asked the lion in my wardrobe what he was doing there.... He said it was “Narnia business.”**

### **The Four Way Test:**

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](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

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**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

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