

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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 109th day of 2017. There are 256 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having our first of two working Visioning sessions with a continental breakfast. Tally Decato is our 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.

**4/20 – Ropes Training and Moon Bounce cleaning at 6:30PM, OHCHS Gym**

**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 – Check presentation to Rowe School Food Pantry, 9:00AM at Rowe School**

**5/10 – OH Middle School Career Day**

**5/13 – May Day Play Day in the gym at OHCHS, 9:00AM – 1:00PM**

**5/17 – Rachel Brown and Dan Allen**

**5/18 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30PM – 6:00PM, Progress Center**

**5/19 – 5/21 – District Conference at Samoset Resort in Rockport**

**5/24 – Interact Student Recognition and Awards Program and Beth Abbott**

**5/31 – Top 5% Students and Val Weston**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were Hilary Hendricks of the Oxford Hills Education Exchange and the Students of the Month and their guests: Freshman, Brooke Carson and her parents, Pat and Kim Carson; Sophomore Saige McGinnis and her parents, James and Alicia McGinnis; Junior Norissa Alleano and her guardian, George Young; Senior Michelle Morey and her mother, Becca Morey. The student write-ups are on the back page of the Reader.

## Announcements:

Beth Abbott – We were shown a 6' x 8' quilt made by Beth's mother in memory of Beth's father who passed away a year ago. The quilt will be raffled later in the spring.

Poland Spring has donated another 20 cases of water to the club for 2017 which Paul and Curtis will be picking up on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – (okay, Paul?)

**\*\*Tomorrow evening, the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting in the gym at OHCHS at 6:30PM for ropes training and to clean the Moon Bounce. We have several new members who have not helped with the ropes, so this is a great opportunity to learn about them. May Day Play Day and Project Graduation will be here before we know it. Also, we plan to clean the inside of the moon bounce which has not been done for a few years. There have been instances in other states where children have gotten seriously ill from playing in bounce houses and we want to be sure ours is clean and ready to go for the upcoming season.\*\***

Chris S. – The Special Olympics Dance went well last Saturday evening. Rotary raised \$735 and Kiwanis slightly more. However, we had 11 Rotarians in attendance compared to Kiwanis' 7.

Kim – United Way is moving their office to 2 Market Square, upstairs over the Score office in South Paris within the next two weeks. There will be furniture at the Norway location which United Way is willing to donate to our auction. It must be picked up on or around May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Last week:

President Joel – introduced Hilary Hendricks who then introduced the four students of the month for April. This month's theme was respect and the basis on which each student was selected. Tally introduced freshman, Brooke Carson; Kim introduced sophomore, Saige McGinnis; Dave introduced junior Norissa Alleano; Lynne introduced senior Michelle Morey who will be majoring in nursing at CMMC this fall.

Joel then showed a short video of "People in Action" portraying Rotarians in an overseas setting serving others. Chris S. then spoke about respect, asking us how we individually respect someone. Chris suggested it was closely related to the Four Way Test: how we should fairly treat others with the things we think, say or do. Dan then presented the students with the usual Four Way Test coins. Dan added that another test for respect was to be a good listener.

Finally, Dan asked three Rotarians to express the reasons they belong to Rotary. George Campbell said he joined in part because he had supported Special Olympics when living in Boston and he wanted to join our club now that he lives in Maine because we support it. Kim said her family was always involved in Rotary and since she was very young, she remembered being involved with family at Rotary events and the great feeling of helping our local and global neighbors. Finally, Tina said it was a result of her involvement as Interact advisor and seeing what service clubs can do through and for young people. She also mentioned that the Interactors have a fifth part to the Four-Way Test, which is to have fun. They accomplish this through various special club activities such as rafting, hiking and skiing.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Bob was happy his knee surgery from a year ago went fine and that he has had a good year skiing. He also had a respect dollar to be careful skiing in deep snow when the trees are buried. Lynne was happy that Bob has resurrected his Mazda RX-7 and that she has gotten back full time use of her car. Kim was reluctantly happy her father is now driving although perhaps a bit early and that her 6 month old nephew continues to be nearly perfect. Chris S. was happy for the students and their parents who all raised wonderful kids. In absentia, John was happy to spend a few days in Miami with his son-in-law's parents where they toured

Vizcaya, the summer estate of John Deering, heir to International-Harvester. On the way back from Miami, he stopped off in Port Charlotte for a visit with Frank and Connie Shorey, who treated him to lunch at Stump Pass Marina. Fortunately, they finished lunch just before the Love Bug invasion!

**50/50** – Pat selected Chris Summers' ticket, #435.  
He drew the 10 of clubs but was still glad to be alive.  
Although he lost \$264, Chris did not holler,  
except at Hilary because she's not in Rotary – (Curtis Cole, poet)

**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

### **The Weekly Extra!**

The first American Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. An estimated 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska that day. Arbor Day is now celebrated on the fourth Friday of April – this year on April 28<sup>th</sup>. So, plant a tree!

### **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

[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

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## **April Students of the Month – Respect**

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade – Brooke Carson, nominated by her Social Studies teacher**

“Brooke goes out of her way to include people in conversation and engage with students who might normally feel left out. With her outgoing and cheerful personality, she makes others feel respected and included.”

“Outside of school, Brooke is a strong teammate, demonstrating respect in that area of her life as well. Her strong performance and dedication in school shows the respect she has toward herself and her future.”

“Throughout the school year, Brooke has taken under her wing a young man who has trouble interacting with other students. Brooke has gone out of her way to include this student not only during classes, but during lunch and other periods of free time as well. Since Brooke’s actions, this young man has gained confidence and has increased his ability to interact with other students. I feel this is exemplary behavior that deserves recognition. Brooke has given an outstanding demonstration of respect in her efforts to develop social relationships with students from all groups.”

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade – Saige McGinnis, nominated by her Latin teacher**

“Saige is one of the most courteous people I’ve had the pleasure of meeting at OHCHS. Saige makes it a point to listen carefully during lectures and to raise her hand when she has a question about class material. Perhaps most importantly, however, Saige always thanks me whenever I help her, whether the problem is substantial or trivial, whether we are discussing an issue in person, after school or by e-mail. In the modern age of texting – where common courtesy is often sacrificed for speed of communications – Saige has maintained an unparalleled level of dignity in her speech, which I find truly admirable.”

“While students are expected to respect their educators, I think it is important to acknowledge that courtesy among peers is equally vital. In that regard, Saige is by far one of the most respectful students I’ve met at OHCHS.”

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade – Norissa Alleano, nominated by her Social Studies teacher**

“Norissa is very kind to her fellow students. She is willing to help them with their work. She works very hard in the classroom and is diligent with her own work. Nevertheless, she takes time to help others with theirs. She also has a great respect for education and learning, and because of that, applies herself in a way that reflects a respect for herself.”

“She has been very respectful of me as a teacher. She once noted how I was being very thorough with a topic I was teaching and that meant the world to me, both as a compliment and as a realization that a student would be that perceptive and even appreciative of such a notion. She is very generous with her words, and not just to me. I have seen it on many occasions. She compliments her fellow students at times and this shows to me how much respect she has for human beings, even her peers.”

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade – Michelle Morey, nominated by her Skills USA Advisor**

“Michelle has unselfishly offered to help other students financially and achieve deadlines and goals, even though she has her own work to do.”

“Michelle gave up the opportunity to attend the Skills USA Fall Leadership event and allowed another student to take her place. Michelle’s registration fees were transferred to the other student that did not have the funds to go.”

“She has always shown respect to myself as well as her peers. A quality not always found in people her age.”