

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."

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

Welcome! Today is the 95th day of 2017. There are 270 days remaining in the year. Our program chair is Beth Abbott and our greeter is Curtis Cole.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

4/8 – District Assembly at USM in Portland, Hannaford Hall, 96 Falmouth St., 8:00 AM – 12:30PM

4/8 – Ray Brown Memorial Dance for Special Olympics, 8:00PM – 11:00PM, Norway Legion Hall

4/12 – April Students of the Month and Louise Firth-Campbell

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had one visiting Rotarian, Frank Shorey, from the Murdock Rotary in Florida. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Pat Cook read 4 Rotarian quotes, the most notable being: "Much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good." Jack Davis, Bermuda 1977. Pat also noted several public figures who have been Rotarians. They include Franklin Roosevelt, Gerald Ford, JC Penney, John Kennedy, Neil Armstrong, Orville Wright, Sam Walton, Winston Churchill, Harland Sanders, Walt Disney and Thomas Edison.

Announcements:

President Joel – Students of the Month for April have been rescheduled for April 12th and don't forget the board meeting at his office on Monday, April 3rd, 5:30PM.

Pat C. – April 19th and 26th will be club assemblies for Visioning. Those two meetings will include a continental style breakfast only to save time for Visioning work during the meeting.

Frank – is in Maine to attend the funeral of his brother, Fred, who recently passed away. Frank will be returning for the summer on May 17. Our heartfelt condolences to you Frank and all of your family on the loss of your brother.

Last week:

Joel led us in the Pledge, Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and Glenn offered the blessing.

PE Chris and PP Val attended President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in St. George, Quebec, from March 17th to March 19th. Seminar topics were: Running Your Meetings; Engaging Club Member; District Grants; Leading Rotarians; Fundraising; Recruiting New Members. Friday evening, they heard a presentation on a large joint club project in the Bangor area which raised \$140,000 for Sarah’s House in Holden, Maine, a hospitality house for Eastern Maine Medical Center cancer patients. Details of the fund raiser can be found at <http://bangordailynews.com/community/old-town-rotary-donates-140000-to-sarahs-house-of-maine/>. President Joel thanked Chris for his report and wished him well as he prepares for his upcoming term as club president.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 **Frank** was happy to report that an idea came to us through former Oxford Hills Club member, Trish Logan: “Wait to Text Bracelets” reminding teenagers not to text and drive which has been promoted in the southwest Florida region as well. The idea spread there through Frank’s initiative at the Murdock Club, spreading to several other clubs and their high school communities in the region; another example of the derivative nature of our area benefitting others. Well done Frank! **Tally** was happy to be back where the weather isn’t so dull and perfect. As they say, if you don’t like the weather in Maine...wait a minute. Welcome back Tally! **Miranda** was happy to report that the Progress Center recently won a \$3500 grant from Androscoggin Bank to purchase 15-20 back packs full of supplies for low income students next fall. The project is known as Level-Up. Details are available at <http://progresscentermaine.org/level-ip/>. **Patty R.** was happy to report that George would be having outpatient surgery tomorrow (now last Thursday) at Maine Medical. They were optimistic for a good outcome and request your thoughts and prayers for George’s recovery. **Glenn** was happy to report that he finally found a good used travel trailer and was looking forward to using it when the weather gets warmer. **Pat C.** was happy to be leaving for a week of R&R with Bruce and her sister at Marco Island, Florida. She was also happy to say she would only be missing one meeting. **John** (in response to Tally’s happy dollar) wants everyone to know that he is perfectly happy enjoying Florida’s dull, sunny, 85 degree weather.

50/50 – Frank picked Patty’s number for her. She then made the mistake of asking him to pick the 2 of Hearts; \$242 it cost her.

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

100 Years Ago Tomorrow, April 6, 1917:

America formally enters World War I. Two days earlier, the U.S. Senate voted 82 to 6 to declare war against Germany. The U.S. House of Representatives endorsed the declaration by a vote of 373 to 50.

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

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

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