

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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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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### 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

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**Good morning and Welcome!** Today is the 100th day of 2019. There are 265 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the April Students of the Month and their guests with us. Patty Rice also invited Kat Perry from the Children's Advocacy Center to speak to us. Our greeter is Marianne Todd.

**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](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.

### April:

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

29 – Board Meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris at 5:30 PM.

### May:

1 – Club Assembly and Bob Schott

5 – Road Toll for Polio, Fair St. in Norway by the tennis courts.

8 – May Students of the Month and Lynne Schott

11 – May Day Play Day

### **Rotary Moment:**

Miranda facilitated some Rotary information. She polled those in attendance, asking each member for the number of years they were Rotarians. She later tabulated the results and announced that there was over 363 years of Rotary experience in attendance at today's meeting.

### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

Ron Morse introduced his daughter, Natalie Donais, from the Suffield, Connecticut Rotary. There were no other guests.

### **Announcements:**

**President George** – reported on the board meeting Monday night. The board voted financial support for the 2020 Rotary Rose Bowl Parade float and the Oxford Hills Education Exchange, a non-profit program at the high school that sponsors many district programs outside the district's mission, including our Rotary Student of the Month program.

George also reported for Tina that she has been successful in recruiting as many as 4 or 5 students who plan to attend the RYLA conference this summer at Camp Hinds. Stan also pointed out that George had also been instrumental in making sure the RYLA information was being given to the students who visit us each month to receive their SOTM awards.

**Beth Abbott** – has recently visited with Adrienne Cote from “the Tribune.” Adrienne and Rotary are partnering to purchase/donate over 40 books to Camp Susan Curtis for campers, the books, of which, are on their wish list for the upcoming summer season. This developed after the board agreed to support the camp at the board meeting in March.

**Dan Hart** – announced that there will be a scholarship committee meeting on Thursday, May 9, at Rowe School, time to be announced. We will be awarding seven \$1000.00 scholarships this year. Natalie Donais mentioned that her club in Connecticut would be sponsoring a new fundraising idea for scholarships, “Scholar-sips” at a social gathering in Suffield. The idea gained some traction with our club.

**AG Chris** said that he and Liz would be attending the Rotary Leadership Institute in Lewiston later this month. Chris also announced that he would be placing an order for new T-shirts with the Rotary emblem. The new color will be royal blue in contrast to the light blue shirts currently in use.

**Paul Thornfeldt** – sent word that he and Dawne will be home after Easter and that he will be ready for the Auction on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember that we need big ticket items to auction off – dressers, chairs, couches, etc., so be on the lookout!!

## Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Dan A. led us in singing “America, the Beautiful,” and Curtis gave the invocation.

Marianne Todd gave her classification talk. Marianne is from Attleborough, Massachusetts. She moved to Maine in 1991 and began selling insurance door to door. She then worked at the State Farm Insurance office in South Paris before joining W.J. Wheeler & Co. where she has been an agent for the past 17 years. Marianne joined Rotary because she has a heart for service and enjoys meeting and spending time with people who serve as well as those who receives services. She also volunteers for the community meal each week at the Norway Universalist church. She has a 19 year old son who lives with her in South Paris. Marianne also enjoys travel, skiing, running and other fun social activities.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Dan A. was happy to observe that one of Marianne’s reasons for joining the club was that we make her feel welcome. Dave was happy that he and Becky had a good time on their cruise to the western Caribbean and was happy to report that he wasn’t arrested for having so much fun. Bob was happy to report that his 4 ½ year old granddaughter skied from the top of the mountain at Shawnee Peak this past Sunday. Curtis said that he and Terry visited with Paul and Dawne at their RV park in Malabar, Florida. Pat was happy to have spoken with Paul recently. Paul told Pat that he will be chairing the auction again this year and wanted to assure Pat that things would be well in hand for her upcoming year as president. George visited the Casino office this past weekend as they asked to borrow our flag for the Chamber dinner they hosted. When George entered casino food director, Phil Everett’s office, he noted Phil’s framed Paul Harris certificate we gave him at our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner on the wall. He told George that the award meant a lot to him. Phil has been instrumental in helping us with numerous food donations and other assistance for our projects. In Florida, John was happy to visit Glenn and Sharon in Zephyrhills and attend Zephyrhills Day Break Rotary with Glenn last week. Unfortunately, Glenn is still suffering from the Achilles tendon he injured playing Pickle Ball almost 2 months ago. When Frank Shorey sends John his make-up slips, he includes some Rays stickers for him to distribute to members when he gets back home.

50/50: Liz drew two blue balls and missed out on the \$84 pot.

April Birthdays – Abbie Earle – 4/5; Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26.

April Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

April Membership Anniversaries – None listed

**The Rotary Theme for April is Maternal and Child Health**

**“In serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interests of all humanity.”**

**~ Carol Bellamy ~**

**A Riddle:**

**Why don't the best baseball players lock their doors?**

**A couple of Funnies:**

**“I used to have winter fat, now I have spring rolls.”**

**“I don't know about the rest of you, but next week has been exhausting.”**

**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

**Thank you to Curtis Cole for taking notes for me last week.**