

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 107th day of 2019. There are 258 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Tale of Two Chris's. Chris Weston is program chair and Chris Summers is greeter. Our guest speaker is Frank Damon who will speak about his service on Air Force One.

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.

April:

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

9 – Scholarship Committee meeting at Rowe School, time to be announced.

11 – May Day Play Day

15 – Beth Abbott and Patty Rice

16 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 – 6:00 PM. We need two volunteers to serve.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians but the Students of the Month and their parents were our guests.

Announcements:

President George – reminded everyone to continue selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets. There are 150 tickets available this time but will be split into two drawings of 75 tickets each.

We have received an invitation from the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club to attend their annual night out at Granite Ridge Estate and Barn in Norway. It is entitled “Saturday Night Fever” with entertainment by our local OHMPAA stage company. The date is Saturday, May 5. As George said, both clubs try to support each other by applying the Yogi Berra adage, “You need to go to your friends’ funerals so they will go to yours.”

Bob Schott – outlined Rotary’s short student exchange program for the benefit of the Students of the Month. This involves one to one exchanges between students from the ages of 15 to 18 where they spend 3 or 4 weeks in a foreign country and then another 3 or 4 weeks at home with the foreign student living with them. It is designed to occur during the summer months to avoid school exchange oversight. Most of the cost is paid by Rotary. Contact Bob for more information.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. AG Chris led us in singing “Happy Birthday” to Joel, George and Beth who have April birthdays. Curtis gave the invocation.

Tina Fox introduced the Students of the Month program. The theme for April is Respect. Lynne introduced freshman Andrew Perrin. Andrew had his mother, Kat Perrin with him. Chris S. introduced sophomore, Stella Shaw. Stella brought her mother, Bethany Shaw, and her nana, Linda Hooker. Pat introduced junior, Jesse Leonard. Jesse’s parents, Caroline and James came with him. Tina introduced senior Annie Choi. Annie was not able to attend as she was on a school trip to Italy during April vacation. Annie will be joining us later in the year as a member of the top 5% of her class. The student’s write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

Our guest speaker was Kat Perry from the newly formed Children’s Advocacy Center located at 66 Paris St., Norway. Their mission is to provide services to children who have experienced sexual abuse. CAC provides a venue for forensic interview by law enforcement that were previously done in the schools, residences and other unsecure sites. They also make team decisions about investigations, treatment, management and prosecution of child sex abuse cases. The Norway office will also service Androscoggin and Franklin counties as well as Oxford county. President George presented Kat with a \$500 donation to the chapter for improvements and other assets that need to be made at the Norway location.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Becky and Peter are happy to be back home after camping in Florida and other parts of the south and southwest for the past few months. Their camper is for sale if anyone is interested. Patty had a Happy Birthday for her favorite uncle, Leland Millett, who recently passed away and would have been 91 today, but is instead celebrating in Heaven. Bob had a concern dollar for our former breakfast cook, 90 year old Midge Leighton, whose nephew, Ken Sawyer, was life flighted to Lewiston last Sunday and is at CMMC in very serious condition. Ken is Midge's primary care giver. Bob was also happy that his pain medication is managing his back pain for now. George was happy to share a photo on his phone of his friend, Bill Castle, with Glenn Huntley and John Griffith at Zephyrhills Day Break Rotary. (Zephyrhills meets at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, so we had time to take a picture and get it to George just before OH Rotary's meeting; ed.). In absentia, John had a happy dollar for being able to attend Zephyrhills Day Break with Glenn for the second week.

50/50: Pat drew Dave's number but Dave didn't find the yellow ball. The pot continues to roll over.

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

“Safety and security don't just happen; they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.”

~ Nelson Mandela ~

A Riddle:

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

Ans: Because they are safe at home.

April Students of the Month

9th grade – Andrew Perrin, nominated by Maranda Parent

Andrew is on the quiet side but doesn't mind chiming in if other students are being disruptive when I'm giving directions. Andrew is respectful to both teachers and classmates alike and won't stand for rude comments or conversations that make others uncomfortable. Andrew shows respect by caring about the feelings of others, even in small situations.

One student in class made a rude comment about the project we were doing and Andrew was very quick to remind him that I'm a very reasonable teacher and all I really ask for is effort and a positive attitude.

10th grade – Stella Shaw, nominated by Andrew Merrill

Stella listens actively to others and always shows kindness and helpfulness in the classroom. Stella is a kinesthetic learner. She is constantly keeping her hands busy with crafty projects such as felting and weaving, while I deliver a classroom lecture or when we are discussing the text. She retains information very well while engaging in these multitasked projects. Stella is currently working on making matching friendship bracelets for all her classmates. This is an example of the respectful and kind nature that is Stella Shaw. She would make a terrific Student of the Month.

11th grade – Jesse Leonard, nominated by Kate Franklin

Jesse was a student in the modified PE class with the Life Skills students and went out of his way to include our students in whatever he was doing. He also included our students during other times of the day. If he saw them in the hall or during lunch, he would always speak to them and was always friendly, respectful and kind. Jesse does not treat our students as though they are different but as another peer. During one lunch period, Jesse saw one of our students in the cafeteria and asked this student to come and sit with him and his friends. It made our student feel great about himself and to be included.

12th grade – Annie Choi, nominated by Luc Roy

Annie shows respect in her classes and is a great example to others. She communicates to her peers and teachers with respect. When working with a difficult lab partner, she excels at not getting upset and holds the group together. She communicates her concerns in an honorable way to the teacher.

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

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