

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 114th day of 2019. There are 251 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair and Joel Speakman is greeter. Val's guest speaker is Lee Dassler from Roberts Farm.

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:

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. Dan Hart and Curtis Cole are on it.

22 – Dan Allen and Dave Preble. Dan's guest speaker is Geri Murphy from Covenant House.

29 – Top Students from OHCHS and Heidi Ortiz

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Natalie Donais from the Suffield, Connecticut Rotary was the guest of her father, Ron Morse. Jax and Sully Ward were the guests of their mother, Miranda Ward.

Announcements:

President George – reminded everyone to continue selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets. They are selling well.

Please remember to bring food for the food baskets. Next week (now this week) the basket will be going to the Oxford Hills Middle School.

AG Chris Summers – there was a meeting of the Special Olympics Dance committee at the X-Vault on the 17th. The only thing settled on so far is the date, Saturday, June 29.

Dan Hart – we have received 18 scholarship applications for the 7 scholarships to be awarded at Class Night in June. The Scholarship committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 PM at Rowe School.

Beth Abbott – said she will be meeting with Adrienne Cote of The Tribune to get the book wish list package together for presentation to Camp Susan Curtis in May. Beth said Adrienne has made the work much easier with her help as well as the cost being comparable to Amazon minus Adrienne's efforts. So Beth's message: "Buy local."

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "Home on the Range" and Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

Chris Weston introduced Frank Damon, retired Air Force Master Sergeant. Frank, a Waterford native and OHCHS graduate spent 20 years in the service, the last 8 years of which he was assigned to Air Force One [AF1]. Frank's title was Production Supervisor which meant he was responsible for equipment and supplies incident to those items and other extra-aircraft details that makes the Boeing 747 plane AF1. The government owns and maintains two identical AF1s. Frank still has what amounts to about 10 items of classified knowledge he cannot mention. What he did tell us were normal stories about their missions, movement about the plane, personnel and interesting stories concerning both presidents he served under: Trump and Obama. He said Trump was a much more hands on boss than Obama and that he was forewarned to always be prepared for questions from Trump at a moment's notice, and usually in person. That prediction was true. He also said Trump likes fast food and would order 100 Big Macs be brought aboard AF1 for a trip whereas Obama would want more high-end food prepared in the plane's galley. AF1 historically has a 100% on-time record for all flights and that nothing short of 100% is the goal for everything else related to AF1.

Frank is currently a permanent volunteer at the high school mentoring 50 freshmen students. He says it takes about 5 to 8 hours per month and would recommend it to anyone interested. It is the high school's goal to have 100% of the students enrolled in the mentoring program within the next three years.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Lynne** had a happy \$ 20 because Bob got his taxes done on time this year.

Patty was happy that her 35th tax season is now over.

Dan A. was happy because today is a wonderful day.

Ron was happy his second eye cataract procedure was a success and that he can see better now than ever.

George had a sad dollar for his friend, Rotary spouse Sally Campbell from Cape Elizabeth who recently passed away.

50/50: Tina picked Beth's number, but she only drew blue balls. The pot is currently at \$ 109. So, you snow birds need to fly north soon if you want to get some of the action!

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

“It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.”

~ Pope Francis ~

The Daily Extra

90 million: The number of chocolate bunnies manufactured annually for Easter in the United States.

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.