

# 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 93rd day of 2019. There are 272 days remaining in the year. Marianne Todd is program chair this morning. She will be giving her classification talk and I'm sure will be open to any insurance questions we might have. Miranda Ward is 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 207-461-7158 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:

**6 – District Training Assembly, York County Community College, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**

**10 – Students of the Month and Marianne Todd. Kat Perry from the new Children's Advocacy Center in Norway will also join us to talk about the new center and their current needs.**

**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**

**8 – May Students of the Month and Lynne Schott**

**11 – May Day Play Day**

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

### Membership Moment:

Tally reminded us to invite someone this week who might be interested in becoming a Rotarian and to give them a free breakfast card. It would be nice if we could get some new members this month. When we do have a guest as a prospective member, we all need to talk to them and really make them feel welcome.

### Announcements:

President George – Congratulations to Tina Fox for such a great Interact Conference at the high school last weekend.

Remember to sell your Lobsters for Scholars tickets. The drawing will be on June 12.

Don't forget the Board meeting on Monday, April 1.

Tina Fox – There were 65 students at the Conference with 13 attending from Oxford Hills. The surveys from the students came back really positive. They loved the guest speakers and the break-out sessions. We need to give a big thanks to the local businesses who really stepped up and supported the event. Since our school hosted, we are able to send more students to the UN Day in New York next November.

Pat Cook – Don't forget the District Assembly on April 6. If enough members sign up, we can do a group registration. The Assembly is a great opportunity to meet other people in our district and talk about Rotary.

### Last Week:

Our guest speaker was Jennifer Putnam, Executive Director of the Progress Center. The Center started as a grassroots organization that began with concerned parents and has grown into an organization that provides services in eight counties. They currently own and operate seven group homes and provide in home support for adults and children. They provide shared living – comparable to adult foster care in family styled settings, and they provide adult and child case management. Their Community Support/Day Care programs include food distribution (food pantry twice a week at the Center and once a week as a mobile food pantry on Alpine St.), the Community Kitchen program, Feel Better program which brings food to people who are sick or just released from the hospital), the Summer lunch program and Level Up, which was started by Miranda Ward and gives food and personal hygiene items to teens in the community.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊** – **Dan H.** announced that 22 of 31 members turned in their applications for background checks. He also has applications for the walking school bus if anyone is interested. **Lynne** has a wonderful weekend with her granddaughter who was skiing all over the slopes. **Dan A.** had a happy dollar for John donating books to the Oxford School book box. He reminded us to bring books to him to put stickers in denoting the book as a gift from Rotary. **Tally**, thank you for her Rotarian of the Year award. It brought many opportunities for conversations and has been a good experience. **Patty** had happy dollars for the Hampton Club celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for Tina for a job well done putting on the Interact Conference.

**50/50:** Pat Cook drew Miranda's number. Unfortunately, Miranda did not find the gold ball.

**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**

“If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all.”

~ Pearl S. Buck ~

### **Fun Fact:**

Did you all hear that at the funeral of the late Dr. Visine there wasn't a dry eye in the house?

### **Timely Insight:**

“ If you want to get rid of stuff, you can always do a good spring cleaning. Or you can do what I do. Move.

~ Ellen DeGeneris ~

## **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 Abbie Earle for taking notes for me last week.**