

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."

2017-2018 Officers:

Rotary International President: Ian Risely - District 7780 Governor: David Underhill – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Weston – Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-pres.: Pat Cook – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Joel Speakman – 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 PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 94th day of 2018. There are 271 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly. George Campbell 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

4/7 – District Assembly at York County Community College, York, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

4/11 – April Students of the Month and Mary Lou Burns

4/15 – Road Toll for Polio, Fair Street by the tennis courts, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

4/18 – Val Weston and the American Legion

4/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need two volunteers to help serve.

4/25 – Tally Decato and Dan Allen

4/27 – District Tree Planting day

4/30 – May Board Meeting at Joel's office in South Paris, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

5/2 – Monthly Club Assembly and Beth Abbott

5/9 – May Students of the Month and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians. Jackson and Sullivan Ward were the guests of Miranda Ward, Tonya Swart and Liz Knox were the guests of Chris Summers.

Proposed Members: Tonya Swart from Aroma Joe's has been proposed as a member by AG Chris Summers. Her classification is market management. Liz Knox from the Town of Paris has also been proposed by AG Chris Summers. Her classification is town government. If anyone has any comments, questions or concern about these proposals, please speak to President Chris or any board member.

Rotarian of the Year Dinner: Congratulations to our **2017-2018 Rotarian of the Year, Tina Fox.** Tina received the most nominations from club members and was recognized for her work with area youth and the Interact Club.

The club also presented **Richard Cormier** with a Paul Harris Fellow for his work with Project Graduation through the years. Project Graduation would not be the success it is without him and he will be sorely missed when he retires at the end of this school year.

Announcements:

PE George Rice – reminded everyone about the District Assembly at York County Community College on Saturday, April 7. George encouraged everyone who can to attend and the club will pay the fee. We will be car pooling so no one has to go alone.

AG Chris S. – told us about the latest membership committee meeting at which a number of ideas and suggestions were discussed. The committee is looking at various businesses and town governments to try and get a representative from each to join. We have already made a start with the proposal for Liz Knox from the Town of Paris.

Last Week:

President Chris led us in the pledge and Four Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “When the Saints Go Marching In” and “Happy Birthday” to President Chris. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

President Chris presented George and Louise Campbell their 1 year perfect attendance awards and Director Val Weston with her 10 year perfect attendance award.

Chris also read an article about the origin of the Rotary bell, how it came about and its meaning and use in Rotary Club tradition.

Louise Firth-Campbell led our Visioning update discussion starting off with Public Relations and Publicity. We have updated and will continue to work on our website. By the time of the Ray Brown Dance at the end of April, we will have the ability to accept credit card payments. We need board approval to purchase two card readers that can be used with cell phones. The only caveat is that we will have a \$500 limit on the amount we can accept so no one will be able to use their credit card to purchase a car at the auction, for example.

Ron Morse updated us on Rotary Night at the Casino. He has talked with the owner of the radio station and he has agreed to give us a break on the advertising costs. We now need to get back to the Casino to let them know that and to let them know specifically what the purpose is of the money we raise. Ron is thinking food pantries and scholarships.

George Rice talked about Lobsters for Scholars. He will have tickets printed to sell during the month of May with a drawing in early June. To increase our income, we will sell 75 tickets instead of 50.

Beth Abbott brought up the Gift Certificate handout at Hannaford which we hope to do at the end of April. There was a discussion that perhaps this might not be the best way to go about this. It was decided that we should table the discussion and bring it up at Monday’s board meeting.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Louise had a happy dollar for one of our Students of the Month, Olivia Rowe, who used the group picture of the Students of the Month to illustrate her values of perseverance and learning for the Olympia Snowe leadership program at OHCHS. Louise is an advisor to the sophomores in the program and she was pleased that Olivia valued the photo enough to use it. Dave wanted us all to know that baseball season starts Monday with the Red Sox playing the Rays and that we should all think bad thoughts for Frank. He also said that he was planning a rousing Red Sox welcome for Frank who is renting the house across the street from Dave and Becky for part of the summer.

50/50 – George Rice drew Louise Campbell’s number but Louise drew the 8 of Clubs. The pot rolls over again.

April Birthdays – Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24, Michael (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

April Anniversaries – None Listed

April Membership Anniversaries - None listed

Thought for the Week:

“It is easier to fool people than to convince them they’ve been fooled.”

~ Mark Twain ~

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