

# 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."

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

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**Welcome!** Today is the 130th day of 2017. There are 235 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having our 3<sup>rd</sup> Visioning session. Our greeter is Rachel Brown.

**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 207-743-6129 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.

**5/10 – Check presentation to Rowe School Food Pantry, 9:00AM at Rowe School**

**5/10 – OH Middle School Career Day**

**5/13 – May Day Play Day in the gym at OHCHS, 9:00AM – 1:00PM**

**5/17 – Dan Allen and Dan Allen. Dan's guest speaker is John Jeness who will be talking about Sunset Gallery and how it came to be about.**

**5/18 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30PM – 6:00PM, Progress Center**

**5/19 – 5/21 – District Conference at Samoset Resort in Rockport**

**5/24 – Interact Student Recognition and Awards Program and Beth Abbott**

**5/31 – Top 5% Students and Val Weston**

**6/7 – Mary Lou Burns and Chris Weston**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Visiting Rotarians were PDG Bob Laux, PP Bruce Powell and PE Michele Varuolo Cole, all from our parent club, Bethel. Guests were Hilary Hendricks from the Education Exchange and our Students of the Month and their guests including Sophomore Morgan Linfield and her parent, John and Leslie Linfield, and Junior Hannah Smith and her father, Davy Smith.

## Announcements:

**Beth** – We have 2000 May Day Play Day announcement postcards ready to hand out to the 8 elementary schools in the district plus Oxford Hills Christian Academy.

**Patty** – has made an updated roster available for anyone who needs one. (Thanks, Patty, ed.)

Tina – showed us the t-shirts that will be part of the backpack handed out at May Day Play Day. Please be sure to sign up for availability on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Lynne will be assisting the Interact Club on Thursday packing the backpacks in room 210A at OHCHS.

Dan – the first auction committee meeting will be held directly after the meeting at the church – (no date was mentioned in the notes, but I assume that was after our May 3<sup>rd</sup> mtg., ed.)

The membership committee is looking for good, qualified referrals which the committee will be happy to follow up on the referrer's behalf.

Pat & Louise – Visioning work will continue at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will all receive a list of 26 programs via e-mail later today (5/3) that we will be asked to vote on. The deadline for voting is Friday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at which time your votes need to be back to the sender via e-mail. The top 5 programs voted will be discussed at our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> as ongoing club visions to be carried forward over the next few years.

Ed – Linda Jack is recuperating at Maine Medical after he knee replacement surgery but needs a walker when she gets home. Kim said she could possibly provide one to her now that her father no longer needs one.

### Last Week:

Joel led us in the Pledge, Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and Chris Summers gave the blessing.

Joel introduced Hilary who then introduced two of the four attending Students of the Month for May. This month's theme was “courage” and the basis upon which each student was selected.

Joel asked Chris Summers to help us understand courage by relating a story about his military service during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Chris said the definition he uses is the ability to do something frightening. He then related a short story about landing on the airfield in Kuwait during the war.

Louise introduced Sophomore Morgan Linfield and Lynne introduced Junior, Hannah Smith. Unfortunately due to school conflicts, Freshman Emily Hatch and Senior Mitchell Lisowski could not be with us. Mitch will be attending the University of Connecticut this fall. The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

Dan talked about Rotary and passed out a wallet sized information card to each student as well as the 4 Way Test coins. He then asked Paul and Ron why they joined Rotary and what kept them involved. Paul said he joined because he was asked by David Dow and he has remained because he enjoys the comradery especially since he retired. Ron said he joined and remains a Rotarian because of the good things Rotary does in the community and worldwide. Dan then told us why he joined, which was to more effectively network in the community and that purpose morphed into the reason he stays, which is due to the good work Rotary does in the world at large.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 Beth was happy for the Student of the Month program and for Hilary's positive influence in keeping the program alive and well at OHCHS. Dave was happy to see three old friends here this morning from Bethel but to be sure to keep our eye on our regalia and other club property before they leave. He was also proud that two of the four students this month were children of Hannaford employees. Miranda had a “help me” dollar to help her gather enough items for the Progress Center “Level-up” program that begins at the end of this school year. The grant funding for the program is actually for the next school year but they want to be able to send as many kids home with personal hygiene items as possible for the summer. Kim is always happy but is especially

happy that her recent diet has helped her lose 14 pounds over the past month. **Paul** was happy to announce that he had a good winter in Florida and that he and Ron were able to get away and play some golf as well as get to Hooters from time to time. **Ron** said Paul made him do it..... **Bruce Powell** had happy dollars thanking Dan Hart for use of his cup and badge for the morning as well as the warm welcome he received. **Bob Laux** and **Michele Cole** both had happy dollars for the warm Oxford Hills welcome they received as well.

**50/50** – Stan put Chris on the spot, to draw Tina’s ticket #545. There was \$302 in the pot, but she got the seven of clubs, no lie.

### **Something to Amuse You!**

**Write down any three digit number. Reverse the number. (If you wrote 123, write 321). Subtract the smaller number from the larger one. Reverse that answer and add it to the answer. Your answer will always be 1,089.**

**May Birthdays** – Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9

**May Anniversaries** – Susan & Greg Graves – 5/4; George & Louise Campbell – 5/12; Chris & David Twitchell – 5/13.

**May Membership Anniversaries:** Lynne Schott – 12 yrs – 5/5; Miranda Ward – 2 yrs – 5/13; Joel Speakman – 5 yrs – 5/17

### **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

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## May Students of the Month

Moral Courage: Students demonstrate the willingness to do what's right despite the unpleasant consequences that may follow.

### 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Emily Hatch, nominated by her Essential Skills Development and Social Studies teachers.

“Emily has stayed after school to improve her algebra skills throughout the year. She demonstrates a willingness to provide positive behaviors when other students in class are behaving negatively. She does what is asked without question and without worrying about what her peers think.”

“Emily is quick to begin and complete assignments. She has prioritized her education and has even apologized to me if another student is treating me disrespectfully. I can always count on Emily!”

“Emily is always trying to improve on her work. She does not settle for “good enough” but works hard to achieve the highest possible success both inside and outside of class. She is consistent and dependable, demonstrating a stable and honest work ethic.”

### 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Morgan Linfield, nominated by her Military History teacher.

“Morgan does not hesitate to speak up for the “underdog” or what is right. She doesn't tolerate hate speech or bullying. She asks probing questions to understand why someone may have said what they did and tries her hardest to be tolerant of opposing perspectives. She has questioned and stopped people in the hallway for using derogatory or inappropriate language.”

“In the lunch room, Morgan heard a group of guys behind her joking around about being autistic. Morgan stood up and spoke to them about the inappropriateness and offensiveness of their comments. These boys were upper-class students. Morgan didn't know them, she just knew what they were saying wasn't right.”

### 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Hannah Smith, nominated by the OHCHS Secretary

“Hannah has always stood up for what she feels is right. When Hannah sees something bad happening to a person or group she feels is being wrongly targeted, she will stand up for them. She is a strong woman who is not afraid to take anything on.”

“Hannah enjoys helping people. Hannah makes sure other students in our school have the things they need to succeed and to make the students feel special and that they belong.”

### 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Mitchell Lisowski, nominated by his Key Club Advisor

“Mitchell is constantly showing moral courage by taking on a lot of activities and being willing to put a lot of effort into all of them. He doesn't just go with the flow, but is willing to stand up and do what he thinks is best for those around him. He is comfortable with taking risks.”

“At the Key Club convention last month, Mitchell made the choice not to go to the dances because he knew there was inappropriate behavior occurring. He also encouraged his peers to make good choices and made sure no one was left out of activities.”