

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."

2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Lynne Schott

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Welcome! Today is the 144th day of 2017. There are 221 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having Interact Student Recognition and Awards. Beth Abbott is our 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 207-743-6129 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.

5/31 – Top 5% Students and Val Weston

6/7 – Mary Lou Burns and Chris Weston

6/14 – George Campbell and Miranda Ward

6/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need 2 people to help out.

6/21 – Rotarian of the Year Dinner and Recognition at 5:30 PM. Place TBD. We will not be having our regular morning meeting. Paul Thornfeldt is greeter.

6/28 – Changeover and Chris Summers

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Ron Valley was the guest of Glenn Huntley. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Dan Allen briefly talked about the founding of our club in 1983, a really long time ago (34 years) and how we have been part of the Rotary family through those years. He recognized PDG George Rice and Secretary John Griffith for being the only 2 charter members who are still members.

Announcements:

President Joel – May Day Play Day turned out to be the best yet and Joel thanked all who helped in the planning and working of the event. We gave out all 300 backpacks, 200 of which were filled with goodies as that was close to what we gave out last year. We ran out of hotdogs, buns and water just about noon time, so 320 hotdogs, 318 buns (guess 2 people didn't want buns) and 9 cases of Poland Spring water. Joel also made popcorn like mad and that was gone as well.

We will be having our Rotarian of the Year dinner on June 21 at 5:30 PM. Crosstone Conference Center is the most likely venue but others are still in the running. Joel will let us know when he has decided. This evening meeting will replace our regular morning meeting.

Beth – a few more members have become sustaining members, so we now have a total of 13 who have reached EREY. There are others who are very close. If you want to know where you stand, please speak to Beth. Remember, for the last few years, we have been one of the few clubs in the District to reach the goal. It would be great if we can do it again this year.

Frank Shorey wanted me to warn everyone that he will be with us today.

Bob asked me to announce that his best time jogging was 2 miles in 23 minutes and 7 seconds. His goal is to get down to 2 miles in 22 minutes.

Last Week:

Joel led us in the Pledge and Dan was back to lead us in song. Glenn gave the blessing.

Dan Allen introduced our guest speaker, John Geness. John is well known to most of us. After a long career as a practicing attorney in South Paris, he retired 2 years ago and has been pursuing his dream of travel and photography. He has opened “The Gallery in Market Square” to display and sell some of his work. He currently has 27,000 images on hand, taken with both film and digitally. He used film exclusively until 2009 but uses both film and digital pictures now. He loves the American southwest and recently returned from a 2 week trip, covering 2300 miles, taking pictures all along his route. Check out his gallery in Market Square!

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – AG Chris was happy that his son just graduated from the City of Portland firefighter course and is now a full-fledged member of the Portland Fire Department. Joel had a thank you dollar for May Day Play Day. Lynne announced that there would be a MDPD follow-up meeting at X-Vault tonight at 5:30 (now last week). John had several happy dollars to make up for his 2 month absence. He was happy to be back from Florida but sad for the weather we have had since then. He was happy to be able to spend a couple of days with Glenn and Sharon in Zephyrhills and happy that they came to Seminole for a beach day. He was happy to have a visit and lunch with Frank and Connie Shorey in Port Charlotte, and he was happy for his daughter and son-in-law who had a new well drilled. They are getting an astounding 100 gallons per minute at 188'. Stan was happy for the help he received with the tent at MDPD. Patty reminded everyone that the District Conference at Samoset Resort is this weekend.

50/50 – George R. drew ticket number #562. As no one stepped forward, Patty suggested George check his number because she had #563. It took some searching but George eventually found his ticket and he did have the number. Unfortunately, he drew the 6 of Clubs and not the King. There was \$323 in the pot.

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

Thought for the Week

“Giving makes me feel like I am living.”

**~ Morrie Schwartz ~
From “Tuesdays with Morrie”**

The 4-Way Test Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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

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