

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 121st day of 2019. There are 244 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly. Bob Schott 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.

May:

5 – Road Toll for Polio, Fair St. in Norway by the tennis courts.

8 – May Students of the Month and Lynne Schott

11 – May Day Play Day

15 – Beth Abbott and Patty Rice

16 – Scholarship Committee meeting at Rowe School, 5:00 PM.

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:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Membership Moment:

The membership committee met last week, they're planning to give out cards to the public with Rotary information. They're also discussing doing a survey to gather information about how people would feel about an alternative meeting time that would take place periodically.

Announcements:

Dan Hart: There will be a scholarship meeting on May 16th at 5:00pm at the Rowe School.

George: Lobster for Scholar tickets are available. We have sold 75.

The food basket is full and is headed to the Middle School!

There is a Board of Director's meeting on Monday, April 29, at 5:30 PM at the Deering Memorial Community Center.

Chris S.: On Wednesday there will be a meeting for the Special Olympics Dance. It will be held on June 29th, Dennis Boyd will be the DJ, and it will be held at the same venue as before, at the South Paris Legion Hall. Miranda is working on posters.

Patty R.: The Kiwanis Dinner is Saturday, May 4th, it should be a fun time! If anyone is interested to join the Rotary table, Patty has the sign-up sheet. George added that Kiwanis supports Rotary with various things and we should do what we can to support them, as well.

Beth: A May Day Play Day meeting will be held on Tuesday at 5:30 in the cafeteria at the high school. May Day Play Day will be on May 11th. We need a pick-up truck to go to Poland Springs to pick up the water on May 7th.

Miranda: is collecting plastic grocery bags for the Level Up Program.

Bob: There will be a sign-up sheet handed around next week for the upcoming Road Toll that will be held on May 5th.

Last Week:

Our guest speaker was Lee Dassler, Executive Director of Western Foothills Land Trust. The land trust is 32 years old. It owns 3,000 acres of land and protects 700 acres. They have 30 miles of trails at six different preserves. They are currently working on a campus for Robert's Farm Preserve, a building that will have a meeting space, kid's facility, kitchen, bathroom and office. On Saturday and Sunday during the winter, they provide a warming hut, skis and snowshoes. In addition, there are mountain biking trails, hiking trails, skiing, snowshoeing, a biathlon, bird watching and more. They are currently in need of volunteers for the biathlon.

Future plans include enlarging Roberts Farm Preserve with an extra 47 acres that would be along the woods line by Norway Lake on the same side as Roberts Farm. All of that land will be protected forest

with trails. The Preserve is also purchasing additional land on Water Street with a goal of extending trails from downtown to Robert's Farm.

At the conclusion of Lee's talk, we presented Lee with a check from OH Rotary as a donation to the Western Foothills Land Trust.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊—

Chris S. was happy his daughter is graduating from USM on May 11th, with a degree in Mental Health, and that she has accepted a job offer in South Paris.

Liz is excited to be going on a cruise next week!

Dave Preble was excited that the Red Sox won against Tampa Bay this week! (Take that, Frank Shorey).

Paul Thornfeld was happy to be back home and see new members in the club!

50/50: Dan Hart drew Abbie's number but Abbie didn't draw the gold ball.

May Birthdays — Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Chris Weston – 5/25

May Wedding Anniversaries — Chris & David Twitchell – 5/13; Peter & Becky Kaurup – 5/16; Dan & Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 5/23.

May Membership Anniversaries — None listed

***There is no Rotary Theme for May so I have chosen a a quote at random
from The Rotary Book of Readings:***

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.”

~ Maya Angelou ~

The Weekly Extra:

April 27 is Babe Ruth Day. On that day in 1947, “The Bambino” returned to Yankee Stadium, the “House that Ruth Built,” to be honored.

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 Abbie Earle for taking notes for me last week.