

# 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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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome:** Today is the 136th day of 2018. There are 229 days remaining in the year. Beth Abbott is program chair this morning. Our guest speaker is Janice Davis who will be talking about Teen Challenge Maine, a residential rehab program for young men 18 and older, located in Winthrop, Maine. Miranda Ward 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 207-461-7158 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.

5/23 – Dan Allen and Paul Thornfeldt

5/30 – Evening Social (?) and AG Chris Summers

6/4 – Board Meeting at Joel Speakman's office, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

6/6 – Top Students and Lois Strauss

6/9 – Project Graduation at OHCHS

6/9 – District Changeover and Picnic, LoBosco Home, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

6/13 – Club Assembly and Joel Speakman

6/20 – American Legion and Bob Schott

6/24 – 6/27 – International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

6/27 – Changeover and Lynne Schott

**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the May Students of the Month and their parents: Freshman Alex Twitchell, his mother, Rhonda Twitchell, and his brother, Harrison; Sophomore Madison Day, her mother, Meredith Day (who was a Student of the Month during our first year of the program in 2000, making Madison our first second generation recipient); Senior Michael Ferris and his mother, Amanda Quillen.

**Rotary Moment:** Val mentioned in her Rotary Moment that she and 6 other club members attended the five district conference last weekend at the Mt. Washington Hotel complex. There were over 600

Rotarians in attendance. Those attending from our club were Chris and Val Weston, AG Chris Summers, George and Patty Rice, and Pat and Bruce Cook.

### Announcements:

PE/PDG/PP George Rice – brought our attention to the large display poster in the back of the room which was displayed at the District Conference depicting the various phases and scenes of the club's tree planting project two weeks past. He also told us that he would be bringing Lobsters for Scholars raffle tickets next week for our second raffle of a private Lobster Fest for the winner and guests. The drawing will be held on June 13.

AG Chris Summers – told us that a debriefing and summary of the Ray Brown Dance would be held and that the details would then be reported to the club on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He said he was pleased to finally meet Preb's brother, Pete Preble, who is president of the Auburn Breakfast Club this year and was at the District Conference. Chris also said he was especially proud to receive on behalf of the club, a Pyramid of Peace award, making us one of only 25 clubs that received the award Peace based on the number and types of fundraisers our club sponsored. Lastly, Chris outlined an example of how much Rotary can accomplish by describing a 90 minute International Service event where 20,000 meals were prepared and packaged by hundreds of Rotarians at the District Conference. These meals will be sent to Sierra Leone.

Louise Firth-Campbell – announced on behalf of Tonya Swart that next Wednesday, Aroma Joe's would be donating \$1 for every 20-32 ounce drink sold to benefit May Day Play Day. This is part of Aroma Joe's 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday program supporting area charities.

Glenn Huntley – presented a banner to the club from his winter home club, Zephyr Hills, which meets Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM.

Paul Thornfeldt – announced that he and Dawne had been away for 165 days and were glad to be back. He presented the club with a banner from the Aransas Pass Rotary, near Corpus Christi on the gulf coast. This area was heavily damaged by hurricane Harvey and debris was piled up in several areas for miles at a stretch.

Tina Fox – work on May Day Play Day would start at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning. There was no sign-up sheet, however, it is hoped that the usual strong turn-out of Rotarians occurs. She said there was a good turn-out for the ropes training course and that the group then packed 300 back packs for students who show up Saturday. Bob and Chris W. then showed us the large banner that directs the kids to both Kiwanis' and Rotary's events. This banner evidences this event as part of the history of joint club cooperation in various ways over the past two decades.

### Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing our "Welcome Song" and Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

President Chris greeted Paul and Glenn who recently returned from their winter migrations. He also inducted our newest member, Liz Knox, of Fort Knox gold fame she said she was not. Welcome and congratulations, Liz. We are glad to have you with us! Dan Allen then led us in singing "The Cup Song" making Liz's induction official.

President Chris turned the meeting over to Tina Fox who introduced the May Students of the Month. Chris Summers, Pat Cook and Tina then read the student write-ups and gave them their awards. Dan

Allen then presented the students with Four Way Test key chains and talked about Rotary's role in the world and how this code of ethics helps guide Rotary and every Rotarians thoughts, words and actions.

The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

**Happy Dollars** – Either no one else was happy or we ran out of time, but **Beth** was the only one with a congratulations dollar for Tina's hard work in heading up the Student of the Month program this year and for organizing May Day Play Day.

**50/50** – Glenn drew Miranda's number but she drew the 5 of Diamonds from the deck. The pot rolls over again.

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

**May Anniversaries** – Susan and Greg Graves – 5/4; George and Louise Campbell – 5/12; Chris and David Twitchell – 5/13; Peter and Becky Kaurup – 5/16; Dan and Nancy Allen – 5/21

**May Membership Anniversaries** – Lynne Schott – 14 years – 5/5; Miranda Ward – 3 years – 5/13; Joel Speakman – 7 years – 5/17

**The 4-Way Test of the things we act, say or do:**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concened?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL for all concerned?**

**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

Thanks to Curtis Cole for taking notes last week and sending them to me in Florida.