

# 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 122nd day of 2018. There are 243 days remaining in the year. This morning we will be having our monthly club assembly with Beth Abbott as 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.

5/7 – Scholarship Committee meeting at Rowe School, 5:00 PM

5/8 – Ropes training for May Day Play Day, OHCHS gym, 5:30 PM

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

5/12 – May Day Play Day

5/16 – Beth Abbott and Miranda Ward

5/23 – Dan Allen and Paul Thornfeldt

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

6/6 – Top Students and Lois Strauss

**Visiting Rotarians and quests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Debbie Lyons, John Lyons, Donna Lyons Rowell and Joseph Casalinova visited in honor of Ed Lyons. Tonya Swart was the guest of AG Chris Summers. Bailey L'Heureux, Preston Newcomb and Heidi Darling were the guests of Dan Hart.

## Announcements:

**Bob Schott** – the Road Toll for Polio was moved from last Saturday to Sunday, April 29, by the tennis courts at OHCHS on Fair St. The crew is hoping to raise \$1,500.00. There were 11 signed up to help which is a good number.

**PE George Rice** – the tree planting project is on schedule for Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for both the morning and afternoon. I have not heard how the project went as I write this but assume it went well.

AG Chris Summers – The Ray Brown Dance is on schedule for this coming Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the South Paris Legion Hall. The competition for ticket sales and attendance were both still on. Assume we will have an update on how this and the tree planting went this morning.

Beth Abbott – Dave Preble was having his second hip replacement surgery as we met. We wish him good luck and a speedy recovery.

Dan Hart – the scholarship committee has 19 applications for the 7 \$850.00 scholarships that we are giving this school year. The committee will be meeting at Rowe School on Monday, May 7, at 5:00 PM to review the applications and choose the winners.

Stan Brett – recommends traveling to warm weather areas for a period each winter for those who don't enjoy the Maine outdoor winter activities. His P.T. pointed out the benefits of doing so.

Dan Allen – an orthopedic doctor examined his shoulders recently and found they were fine for an active man at this stage of his life and that surgery is not recommended. Good for you, Dan!

### Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing Happy Birthday to Beth Abbot and Curtis Cole offered the invocation.

We were honored to have several members of Ed Lyons' family and members of the American Legion Post in attendance. They all spoke about Ed briefly saying how much he enjoyed his time with Rotary. President Chris said Ed was always early for the meeting and he will miss his company and fellowship. Ed's funeral was last Friday at St. Catherine's with visiting hours last Thursday at Chandler Funeral in South Paris.

Program Chair Dan Hart introduced the representatives from the Rowe School food pantry – Heidi Darling, Bailey L'Heureux and Preston Newcomb. Heidi is the school nurse and manages the pantry. The pantry was started in the fall of 2015 and it currently serves 30-35 families weekly. Referrals to the pantry come through the teachers. Bailey and Preston enjoy helping with the food pantry and families in need of food security which fits into their roles as Boy Scouts. Both boys are actively helping Mr. Hart find other students interested in helping with the pantry.

Happy Dollars - Beth was happy to announce that Poland Spring Bottling would again be donating 20 cases of water to the club this year for use in its events. (Awesome!). Val announced that she and Chris flew to Texas to see Chris's daughter who lives in Houston. They traveled some while there, visiting San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Val was especially happy that Chris did all the driving and was glad to be home where the traffic isn't nearly so heavy. Patty was happy that she, her sister and mother were able to take Beth out to lunch for her birthday. AG Chris has a good trip to Tennessee to visit his mother, Phyllis. Phyllis will again be coming to Maine this summer for an extended visit. Bob had an "almost" happy dollar because he and Joel were both tied for 37 days of downhill skiing (not to be confused with x-country skiing) and that he was somehow hoping to break the tie. Dan H. was happy to be able to visit a Rotary club in Marco Island, Florida while visiting last week. He sat with an 85 year old, a 90 year old and a centenarian who all inspired him to look forward someday (in his 80's perhaps?) to join the ranks of the retired. (It's a very happy place, Dan. I can tell you from experience, ed.) Dan A. was happy that both Fireside chats held recently went well and both proposed members will likely be taking the next step shortly. In absentia, John was very happy to spend Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, with his cousin and her husband at their home in Lakeland, FL. It has been a good 20 years since they had seen each other and they spent 8 hours reminiscing, sharing family stories and genealogical information.

50/50 – Ron’s number was drawn but he drew the wrong card, missing an opportunity to win the \$33 in the pot.

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

**Thought for the Week:**

“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.”

~ Scott Adams ~

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

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 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.**