

# 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."

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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

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**Good morning and Welcome!** Today is the 142nd day of 2019. There are 223 days remaining in the year. Dan Allen is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Geri Murphy from the Covenant House. Dave Preble 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.

### May:

29 – Top Students from OHCHS and Heidi Ortiz

### June:

3 – Board Meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris at 5:30 PM

5 – Club Assembly and Ron Morse

12 – Curtis Cole and Liz Knox

19 – Abbie Earl and Peter Kaurup

26 – Changeover and Becky Kaurup

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the DECA students, Marian Lawler, Madison Akers, Linda Mack and their advisor, Wendy Robichaud.

### Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, and that she and George, and Peter and Becky Kaurup have made their reservations. Patty and George have attended otherwise would not. Patty told us that the next convention is in Honolulu, Hawaii, followed by Taipei, Taiwan; Houston, Texas; Melbourne, Australia; Singapore and Calgary, Alberta.

### Membership Moment:

Tally Decato told us that another way to encourage the people we ask to come to Rotary is to have something to give to them besides the free breakfast ticket such as a club brochure or 4 Way Test coin.

### Announcements:

President George – May Day Play Day was held on Saturday, May 8. It was successful although members that were there thought attendance was down a bit from past years. There were some issues but we had a lot of positive comments, especially having food in the backpacks we gave to the kids. One mother I talked with in the hot dog line was very appreciative and told me how much it meant to her and her family.

On the negative side, we did not have as much help from the membership as we have had in the past and that if it weren't for the Interact kids helping, we would not have been able to do the ropes course or some of the other activities.

Keep selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets! George nominated Ron Morse as Salesman of the Year. The drawing will be at our meeting on June 12.

Paul Thornfeldt – Auction planning continues. This years' new bid cards will have a Rotary message on the back, a suggestion Mary Lou Burns made last year. Paul sold the pool table that was donated through Ron on Craig's List. The fellow who bought it came from some distance away, as I recall. Paul reminded us to be on the lookout for good quality items.

The Scholarship Committee met at the Rowe School Library on Thursday, May 16, and chose the recipients. We had 25 applications with 2 being eliminated because they were not complete. We also did not have any applicants that met the Dave Paine and Dave Hankins memorial scholarship requirements, but we chose 2 students that we felt came somewhat close to their intended purpose.

Tonya Swart – On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Aroma Joe's in Oxford will be donating that day's proceeds to scholarships for fire and EMT students.

### Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Dan A. led us in singing “Home on the Range” and Curtis gave the invocation.

Program Chair Beth Abbott introduced the students from DECA, Marian Lawler, Madison Akers, Lexi Mack and their advisor Wendy Robichaud. Each of the students told us about their experience attending the International DECA conference in Orlando, Florida. You may remember that we helped sponsor their trip. They met lots of new people and enjoyed the inspirational talks. There were competitions in marketing, hospitality and finance. There 22,000 kids at the conference with 16 from Maine, with Oxford Hills having the largest contingent. Besides attending the conference, they had free time to go to many of the attractions in the Orlando area.

### 😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

**Tonya** – was happy to be back after a great vacation in Florida.

**John** – told us that Glenn and Sharon decided to extend their time in Florida in order to attend their grandson’s high school graduation on May 17. Glenn will be back for next week’s meeting.

**President George** – was happy to tell us a great story about Mildred Fox and attending the Brick School as it was called back then.

**Bob** – had a good time at May Day Play Day. He put harnesses for the ropes course on 81 students. He also had a thank you to Stan for his help.

**Miranda** – told us about her experience in DECA and that she went to the conference when it was in California. She said DECA opened doors for her in pursuing her career.

**Val** – had a happy dollar for Marianne who made it to the top of the ropes course.

**Paul** – George’s story about Mildred Fox reminded him of attending Catholic school, Sister Atilla and her ruler.

**Dan H.** – replied that we don’t do that stuff anymore.

**Dan A.** – was happy that his son was helped by Rotary.

**50/50:** Marianne drew her own number but it didn’t help. She drew two blue balls. There was \$148 in the pot.

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

**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** – Tonya Swart – 1 yr – 5/2; Lynne Schott – 15 yrs – 5/5; Liz Knox – 1 yr – 5/9; Miranda Ward – 4 yrs – 5/13; Joel Speakman – 8 yrs – 5/19

### **Fun Fact:**

May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. One line of an old poem read: “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.”

### **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