

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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 143rd day of 2018. There are 222 days remaining in the year. Dan Allen is scheduled to be program chair with Paul Thornfeldt 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

5/24 – Auction committee meeting at Paul Thornfeldt's in South Paris, 5:30 PM.

5/30 – Evening Social at Norway Country Club 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: It seems odd to say that Lois Strauss is now a visiting Rotarian from Estero, Florida. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment: Miranda found an article about "50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know". Through the years, Rotary has become less formal than when it started. Originally, members were addressed by their titles, but eventually were called by their first names. In some clubs in Asia, members assign nicknames related to their profession or a physical characteristic.

Announcements:

President Chris said that the follow up meeting for the Ray Brown Dance went well and that more info would be forthcoming.

Chris also announced that if enough members were interested, he would like to have an evening social meeting at Norway Country Club which would be our next meeting, on May 30th. The cost would be \$25 per person and he handed out a sign-up sheet to gauge interest.

Tina Fox gave us an update on May Day Play Day which was held last Saturday (now a week ago last Saturday). Once again, it was very successful. We gave out 400 hot dogs and all 300 bags of goodies. New this year was a coloring station where kids could create their own art work on a large banner which Tina brought to our meeting. The tumbling corner got off to a slow start but once the kids discovered it, it was very popular. There was a sand art station and the ropes course was very popular once again. Overall, it was a great day.

AG Chris Summers, not having enough to do already, announced that he has agreed to be the Auction chair for 2018, taking over from Paul Thornfeldt. To that end, there will be an Auction committee meeting at Paul's house on Thursday, May 24th at 5:30. Everyone who can is welcome to attend.

PP/PDG/PE George Rice announced that we are having another "Lobsters for Scholars" raffle to benefit our scholarships for high school seniors. See George to pick up your tickets. The drawing will be in 4 weeks, on June 13th. First prize is a seafood meal cooked for 12 people which includes lobster, clams, corn, French fries and watermelon to be packaged and served at your desired location within 50 miles of Oxford Hills. Also included is \$100.00 cash for your desired beverages of choice. Second prize is a \$100 gift certificate for a Lobster dinner at Oxford Casino. Third prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Smedberg's for the purchase of live lobster. 75 tickets will be sold for a \$30 donation.

New Member – Either I missed it or it wasn't in the notes I received, but I did not acknowledge Tonya Swart's induction into the club on May 2nd. Congratulations, Tonya and welcome aboard the Rotary train!

Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Missing our song leader, Dan Allen, AG Chris Summers led us in singing Happy Birthday to President Chris, whose birthday was listed as being on May 25th. President Chris accepted the song in good humor but his birthday was really on March 25th. Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

Janice Davis and two others, whose names I did not catch, came to speak to us about Teen Challenge Maine. Janice and her husband, Glenn, got involved with Teen Challenge after they retired and they are ardent supporters of the work the program is doing. Teen Challenge is a faith based program for men over age 18 with any manner of addictions. The program started in 1958 and has grown to include group homes in many of the states. The one home in Maine is in Winthrop where they have 20 beds available. This is a long term program, 15 months, not the usual 10 or 30 days and you're out kind. Addictions of all kinds have become a major societal issue with more and more people dying from opioid and alcohol every day, as we all know. One of the speakers told us his story and how he became involved with the program and is now one of its leaders. Teen Challenge is looking for support for continued expansion to meet increased need.

Happy Dollars – Lois had several happy dollars. She was happy to see Janice, happy to be back in Maine, happy for Dave's successful hip replacement surgery, and her own recovery from hip replacement. She had a sad dollar in announcing that she has joined the Estero, Florida Rotary and has resigned from Oxford Hills, henceforth to be a summer guest at our meetings, like another former member who shall remain nameless at this time. **Lynne** was happy for the wonderful time she had at May Day Play Day. **Glenn** was happy to be back and thanked John for taking his place at the Progress Center Community dinner on the 17th. Thinking he would be retired and have time to take his place on the serving line, he agreed to help out at his former employer's since they were short handed. **Janice Davis** put in a happy dollar for her son's accomplishments in the military and his promotion.

50/50 – John drew Louise's number but Louise drew the 2 of hearts from the deck.

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

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 concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL for all concerned?**

A Riddle

It seems as though something has been missing from our meeting room for some time and no one has noticed or said anything about it. It recently took a long trip from which it has now returned. (and no, it is not a person). Anyone care to make a guess?

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