

# 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 150th day of 2018. There are 217 days remaining in the year. This week, we are having an Evening Social at Norway Country Club. AG Chris Summers 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](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.

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

**6/6 – Club Assembly 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 – American Legion and Joel Speakman**

**6/20 – Mary Lou Burns and Bob Schott**

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

**6/27 – Changeover and Lynne Schott**

**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** We had one visiting Rotarian, Lois Strauss, from the Estero, Florida club. Sullivan Ward was the guest of Miranda Ward. Our other guests were the Top Students from the Class of 2018 at OHCHS - Skyler Kendall, Maighread Laliberte, Dominc Kugell, Haid Tanous, Caroline Burns, Sydney Rowell, Mackenzie Jordan, Jade Keene and Alexis Laverdiere – along with principals, Ted Moccia and Shawn Lambert.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Paul Thornfeldt had some questions for us. How many Rotarians were at the first Rotary meeting? (4). What was the first Rotary project? (A comfort station in Chicago since here were no public restrooms at that time). Who came up with the idea of singing at Rotary meetings? (Harry Ruggles). What other names were considered for the club before the name Rotary was decided on? (Dictators, for one).

## Announcements:

President Chris – Our meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> will be an evening social at the Norway Country Club. The cost is \$25 per person and it will be catered by the same folks that put on the dinner we had at the Harrison VFW last January.

PP/PDG/PE George Rice – don't forget your Lobsters for Scholars raffle tickets. We have only 75 tickets to sell. The drawing will be at our meeting on June 13.

Beth Abbott – we purchased all of our food for May Day Play Day through the Oxford Casino. When Beth asked for a bill so we could pay it, the Casino told us there was none. Many thanks to the Casino for their support!

Auction Meeting - we had an auction meeting at Paul's house on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Paul, Curtis, George & Patty Rice, George and Louise Campbell, Chris and Val Weston, Liz Knox and John Griffith were in attendance. We reviewed the schedule, advertising, meeting with the local car dealers to secure vehicles to auction and other ideas, laying the foundation for a successful auction. John agreed to update the business solicitation list which will be available at our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. If there is a business you think should be added or one that should be deleted, please let John know.

John Griffith – The answer to the riddle in last week's Reader was – “the Rotarian of the Year plaque” which made an unscheduled trip to Florida in the trunk of my car.

## Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing the American version of “God Save the Queen” which I think amused our student guests. Lois Strauss gave the invocation.

Ted Moccia and Shawn Lambert each said a few words about this years' Top Students and their personal and academic achievements. Each student, in turn, introduced themselves and told us what their future plans were. Dan Allen then gave each student a Rotary 4 Way Test Coin key chain.

At times, we only hear what is wrong with our educational system and all that is wrong with the kids of today. These students are testaments to what is right. It is always uplifting to hear what they have accomplished and to learn what their plans are for the future because we will be in good hands.

Our guest speaker was South Paris Town Manager, Vic Hodgkins. Vic is new to the town manager game, but is well known to us from his prior career as a radio personality. Vic told us that the Town of Paris is on the move with many new and exciting things coming down the pike. The town is in good financial shape and ready to move ahead. The County courthouse is expanding and there are many road projects coming in the next couple of years including repaving Main Street and replacing the bridge on East Main Street. The town also applied to become an Opportunity Zone and has been accepted into the program. However, Vic is not yet sure exactly what that means, so more will be coming about that.

Happy Dollars – Lois was happy for the students but was sad that her back has started to bother her again. Miranda announced that Jackson and Sullivan will be celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in the coming week. Dan was happy for the club and the students. Bob had a “think about it dollar” by telling us that every gallon of gas we use has a \$1.50 impact on our environment.

50/50 – Shawn Lambert drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the Queen of Hearts.

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

**Thought for the Week**

“What is the use of a house if you haven’t got a tolerable planet to put it on?”

Henry David Thoreau, 1894

**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.orgth](http://www.fryeburgrotary.orgth)

**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