

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."

2018-2019 Officers:

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

Good morning and Welcome! Today is the 128th day of 2019. There are 237 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Lynne Schott.

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.

May:

11 – May Day Play Day

15 – Beth Abbott and Patty Rice

16 – Scholarship Committee meeting at Rowe School, 5:00 PM.

16 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Dan Hart and Curtis Cole are on it.

22 – Dan Allen and Dave Preble. Dan's guest speaker is Geri Murphy from Covenant House.

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from the Estero, Florida Rotary was our visiting Rotarian. Great to see you again, Lois! There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Bob Schott told us that we have donated \$585 to the Guatemala Water Project. On the negative side, foreign aid to some Central American countries has been cut, including Guatemala.

Membership Moment:

Tally reminded us that we need to continue to work on getting new members. Don't forget to use the yellow free breakfast cards.

Announcements:

President George:

- Lobsters for Scholars tickets are still for sale. Don't forget!
- The Board voted to support several causes:
 - Val shared that last year we donated to Guatemala water project which is still in progress. We just donated \$585 towards a water purification process in Guatemala in the meantime.
 - Tina proposed sending Oxford Hills Tech School Students to the Nationals for Skills USA in Louisville Kentucky in June.
 - We are sending three students and two counselors to RYLA
 - Beth shared about food insecurity. We have spent \$2000/\$5000 so far. She suggested that we put food items in the May Day Play Day backpacks (about \$1000). The MDPD committee met Friday night at the high school for this. She also discussed how General Assistance is understaffed/underfunded and suggested that we buy 50 - \$20 Hannaford's gift cards that will be given to the church to give to people in need.

Bob Schott - Road toll will be held on Sunday the 5th to help support the eradication of Polio

Marianne Todd - shared some information she learned at RLI. Accompanied by other facts, Marianne told us that between the bell, the wheel, and the test, the test came first in Rotary. She also shared that Rotary helped formulate the UN in 1947 to help dislocated people. Overall, she really enjoyed attending and learned a lot!

Beth Abbott – also attended RLI at the Graduate level and said that her group talked a lot about membership in her session. They learned through their conversations that many of the clubs face the same issues concerning membership and they discussed satellite groups.

Stan Brett – handed out May Day Play Day flyers for members to take to the elementary schools

Chris Weston presented Ron Morse with the Paul Harris + 2. He also presented Peter and Becky Kaurup their certificates, pins with wings and crystal award for becoming Foundation Benefactors and Members of the Bequest Society.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

Dan Allen: Grandchild was born!

Dan Hart: gave a double-booked dollar- He was double-booked for a school meeting and Progress Center Dinner. Stan offered to take his place at the Progress Center. He also gave a happy dollar because the background checks for club protection are coming back!

Dave: Happy dollar commemorating one year since his hips were done

Bob: Thanks for signing up for the road toll! Also, a happy dollar because he and Lynne were headed to look at a new car later in the afternoon!

Lois: Going to be back (for only two weeks). Happy to wake up and see the beautiful land she had around her!

Patty: Sad dollar- former member George Campbell fell, needs surgery to repair ligaments

50/50: Beth drew Chris Weston's number but Chris didn't draw the gold ball. The pot carries over.

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

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 – None listed

The Weekly Extra:

May Day has been a traditional day of festivities throughout the centuries in many European and North American countries, celebrating springtime fertility (of the soil, livestock and people). Though traditionally associated with the first day of the month, May Day is often celebrated in many countries on the first Monday in May in order to extend the weekend.

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.orgth

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

Thank you to Abbie Earle for taking notes for me last week.