

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, May 9, 2018



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 129th day of 2018. There are 236 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. Val Weston 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.

**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**

**6/13 – Club Assembly and Joel Speakman**

**Visiting Rotarians and guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Allison Goodridge was the guest of Tonya Swart who in turn was the guest of Chris Summers.

## Announcements:

**President Chris** - the Road Toll for Polio was unfortunately cut short two hours early when the rain moved in. However, in the time we did have, we raised \$731.01. Thanks to all who helped out – President Chris and Val Weston, Bob and Lynne Schott, Tina Fox, Beth Abbott, George Campbell and Louise Campbell, William Cronin, Chris Summers, Pat Cook and Beth Abbott.

The Special Olympics Dance went well this past Saturday night, April 28th. More details will be reported this week.

Also, Chris reminded everyone to fill in their Rotary volunteer hours and project info in the note book in back of the room each week (or when possible).

PE George Rice – the tree planting project went well. George, George and Louise Campbell, Val and Chris Weston and Beth Abbott planted trees in five different area towns on Friday afternoon, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Hart – the scholarship committee is set to meet at Rowe School on Monday, May 7, at 5:00 PM.

Beth Abbott – reported that President Chris picked up 20 cases of water yesterday, May 1, at Poland Spring Bottling. She also announced that the May Day Play Day flyers were printed and would be distributed to the eight district elementary schools.

Lynne Schott – the ropes course training for May Day Play Day will be held next Tuesday, May 8, in the gym at the high school at 5:30 PM. If you are new to the club or have never participated in an event at which we use them, this is a good opportunity to learn what it's all about.

### Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing our "Welcome Song". Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

Mike Dignan, South Paris Librarian for the past 22 years spoke about the former Deering Memorial church building and its form and function as a community center. The library was given the building in early 2017 after the Methodist congregation disbanded.

Mike talked about the history and age of the building, saying it needed a new roof so that the use of the upstairs former sanctuary could be extended to four season use, due to it needing insulation. The building is currently used for meetings and is available for use hourly or daily for a reasonable donation. It is also used to house the library children's programs and is a much better location for that purpose rather than the basement of the library itself.

The library is pleased to now own the former church which is directly adjacent to the library. They recognize, however, that the library has a lot of work to do to raise the \$180,000.00 necessary to do what has already been identified to properly maintain the building. They are hoping to qualify for grants and local donations to complete the process.

Happy Dollars – Dan was happy to see Mike. He also wanted to point out that Mike has always supported Rotary's children's literacy program and that he had, in fact, brought us another box full of used books to distribute this morning. Dave was happy to give \$4 for 4 weeks that has passed since his first hip was done and to now have both surgeries behind him. He is even hoping to get in a little golf over the next 4 weeks before returning to work. Patty updated us on former ADG Kathy Sullivan's progress. She is doing well but that radiation treatment continues. Lynn had a "fine" dollar for leaving her badge at home after mistakenly taking it with her last week. Frank Shorey says that Preble will not have a happy \$1 on Weds....Frank put up his \$1 that the Rays would take 2 out of 3 from the Red Sox....and for all the doubters, it did happen and now Dave is shy a \$1

**50/50 – Val's number was drawn AGAIN, but she did not pull the King of Clubs from the deck.**

**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:**

“You can’t always choose the path that you walk in life, but you can always choose the manner in which you walk it.”

~ John O’Leary ~

**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 in Florida.