

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 170th day of 2019. There are 195 days remaining in the year. Abbie Earle is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is from the Alan Day Community Garden. Peter Karaup 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

June:

21 – Set tents for District Conference, Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth. Meet at Welchville Corner at 8:30 AM.

22 – District Conference, Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth

26 – Evening Changeover Dinner at Norway Country Club and Becky Kaurup

July:

1 – Board Meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris, 5:30 PM.

3 – Club Assembly and Auction Meeting and Glenn Huntley

10 – District Governor Andy Glazier and Dan Hart

13 – Annual Auction at OHCHS!

17 – Tally Decato and John Griffith

24 – John Griffith and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were Terry Cole and Brenda Melhus.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Liz Knox read some Rotary Fun Facts that she found. While this is longer than what I normally put in the Reader, if you weren't in attendance or weren't listening (!), here they are:

1. Were you aware that the Rotary Club of Reno, Nevada is farther west than the Rotary Club of Los Angeles?
2. Would you guess that the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine is farther south than the clubs in London, England?
3. Can you imagine that the Rotary Club of Pensacola, Florida is west of the Rotary Club of Detroit, Michigan
4. The Rotary Club of Cairo, Illinois is farther south than the Rotary Club of Richmond, Virginia.
5. There are 69 clubs with Tokyo in their name.
6. The Rotary Club of Nome, Alaska is farther west than the Rotary Club of Honolulu, Hawaii.
7. Every club in Australia is east of Hong Kong.
8. The clubs in Quito, Ecuador, Libreville, Gabon, Singapore, and Kampala, Uganda all meet approximately on the equator.

Announcements:

Out glutton for punishment, AG Chris Summers, was re-elected to his second three year term as a Selectman for the Town of Paris. Congratulations, Chris!

Patty Rice brought the remaining four cheese wheels she had to our meeting in hopes that club members would buy them.

Tonya Swart announced that Aroma Joe's raised \$1,356.00 for national training for EMS students from the day they donated their proceeds in memory of Chief Sacco, who passed away earlier this year.

Paul Thornfeldt—there is a new sign-up sheet for the Auction being circulated. Please sign up and make sure the sheet gets back to Paul. Hopefully, this one won't get misplaced. The solicitation list is also going around.

Glenn Huntley announced that Joe Galetta from Ripley & Fletcher Ford will have a car for the auction. He thought he had one but it turned out not to be as good as he expected so he is looking for another.

Dan Hart and Curtis Cole were at OHCHS Class Night on June 5 to give out our scholarships. This year, we gave out seven \$1,000.00 scholarships to the following students: Jillian Douglas, Sydney Lisowski, Halie Page, Mercedes Palmer, Caleigh Gallant, Sydni Rice and William Manchester-Wells. Congratulations!

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. We did not have a song leader but we managed to do quite well singing Happy Birthday to Peter Kaurup. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Curtis Cole introduced Dennis Gray and Brenda Melhus who came to update us on the Norway Opera House. Dennis began by telling us that this year is the 125th Anniversary of the Norway fire in May of 1894. The original Opera House was consumed by the fire as was most of Main St. The “new” Opera House and many other buildings in town were rebuilt within a year – most of them of brick. The Opera House was used for many purposes through the years – minstrel shows, town meetings, high school graduations, movies and so on. In 2011, the Town of Norway was unsuccessful in negotiating a sale price with the then current owner and ultimately acquired the property through eminent domain. The town then sold the property to the Norway Opera House Association for \$1. Since then, many renovations have been done and the Association is trying to move ahead with Phase 4, restoring the theater and second floor which is estimated to cost about \$4,500,000. Plans call for 180 seats in the balcony and 400 on the main floor. There will also be multi-purpose seats for other events. Dennis said that nothing would have been possible without the help of Norway Savings Bank who partnered with the Association to take advantage of tax breaks and grants.

At the conclusion of Dennis’s talk, we drew the winning tickets for Lobsters for Scholars.

3rd prize – Karen Moberg and Paul Taylor

2nd prize – Doreen Brown and Tammy Silver

1st prize – Bob Schott and Ron Morse

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who helped with this project.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

Lynne – was happy that she and Bob have already put 900 miles on their new electric Hyundai Kona and that she was able to spend some time with her grandchildren.

Marianne – was happy that the board agreed to donate tents to the “Woo-mar-E” event at Moore Park in South Paris on September 22nd. She also had a thank you to the board for supporting Green Gardens.

Patty said she and George had a great time at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany last week. Everything went well and they were able to find cold beer.

Joel had a happy dollar for his daughter who graduated from high school.

Glenn is happy that his son from South Carolina is visiting for the month of June

Peter said that he and Becky are happy to be back from flying to and from Germany on standby.

Bob thanked those who helped with the ropes course at Project Graduation and said everything went well.

50/50: On a second try, Glenn drew Lynne's number. But Lynne will have to wait for another time as she did not draw the yellow ball.

June Birthdays – Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; David (Chris) Twitchell – 6/5; Peter Kaurup – 6/17; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22.

June Wedding Anniversaries – George & Patty Rice – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 6/5; Joel & Heather Speakman – 6/8; Charlie & Tina Fox – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 6/21.

June Membership Anniversaries – John Griffith – 13 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 35 yrs. – 6/14

Thought for the Week:

“Some believe it is only Great Power that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I have found that it is the small, every day deeds of ordinary folk that keeps the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.”

~ Gandalf ~

Remember the Four-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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

