

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 171st day of 2018. There are 194 days remaining in the year. Mary Lou Burns is program chair this morning and Paul Thornfeldt is her guest speaker. I understand that Paul will be talking about the Rotary Clubs he visited on his winter tour. Bob Schott 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

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

6/27 – Quarterly Visioning update and Lynne Schott. VP Pat Cook will be presiding as Chris, Val, George and Patty will be attending the International Convention in Toronto.

6/28 – Membership Committee meeting at the X-Vault, 5:30 PM

7/4 – July 4th – No meeting

7/9 – Board Meeting at Joel's Office at 5:30 PM. This is a week later than usual due to the 4th of July holiday.

7/11 – Changeover/Auction meeting and Patty Rice

7/13 – 7/14 – Auction!

7/18 – Club Assembly and Dave Preble

7/25 – George Campbell and Ron Morse

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Lois Strauss was our visiting Rotarian from the Estero, Florida Rotary. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Joel told us that the Rotary Club with the most members is Seattle, Washington, with 600 some members.

Announcements:

Tina Fox could not stay for our meeting but she dropped off a recap of May Day Play Day with what went well, what didn't and some suggestions for next year. Thank you, Tina. You did an awesome job of chairing this year's event.

Dan Hart – the Rowe School food pantry does need continued help through the summer which the club will support.

Miranda Ward – the Progress Center is running summer lunch program again this year which will start June 25th and run through August 17th. There are three locations this year – Moore Park in South Paris, the Norway Public Library and the Oxford Mobile Home Park on Skeetfield Rd. in Oxford. They can use help and supplies.

Paul Thornfeldt – the sign-up sheets for soliciting local businesses for Auction items were on the back tables last week and will be again this week. If everyone can call on 3-4 businesses, we can pretty much cover the list. Paul told us we received a lot of nice things from former Rotarian, Rebecca Dowse. Call Paul, Chris S. or Curtis if you have things to donate or know someone who does. Miranda has posted advertisements on our Facebook page and has e-mailed an updated family and friends letter to us.

Frank Shorey - has asked me to do a poll of the membership to see who misses him the most. So, on a scale of 1 to 5 – 1 being 'Frank who?' and 5 being 'I miss Frank more than anything' - please be prepared to vote on Wednesday. For Frank's sake, I hope that members will give serious thought to their responses.

Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge and Four Way Test and Dan Allen led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to Louise Campbell. Glenn Huntley gave the invocation.

Program Chair Tally Decato introduced our guest speaker, Diana Acadipone, who recently joined the Western Maine Art Group. Diana brings a wealth of experience in art and art education to the community. She had a 30+ year career in art administration at the Art Institute of Boston, among other institutions. Diana told us there is creativity in everything we do and we don't even think about it. Everything we use has been designed by someone so being an artist is not confined to someone who can paint a masterpiece. One of her goals is to foster creativity in children. People can have talent but we also need to work hard to succeed. There will be art workshops in August put on by the Folk Art Studio, Fiber & Vine and the Western Maine Art Group. There will also be a kid's tent at the Norway Arts Festival.

Lobsters for Scholars – before Happy Dollars, PE George Rice asked our guest speaker to draw the winners for our second Lobsters for Scholars raffle. They were:

\$50 gift certificate for lobsters from Smedberg's – Tally Decato

\$100 gift certificate for lobster dinner at the Oxford Casino – Dave Foster, Auburn Rotary

Grand Prize – Lobster dinners for 12 – Becky Preble

Happy Dollars – Patty said that Frank texted her for Paul's phone number which he lost. Patty said she sent it in reverse order. She also said that she and George went to the District Changeover last weekend and that they had a great time. Tally was happy that her friend is okay after a scare early this morning.

50/50 – Glenn drew Miranda’s number but she did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$107 in the pot.

June Birthdays – Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; David (Chris) Twitchell – 6/5; Louise Firth Campbell – 6/13; Peter Kaurup – 6/17; Becky Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

June 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 – 12 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 34 yrs. – 6/14

Fun Facts:

Red, yellow, blue, green.....a box of the O-shaped cereal, Fruit Loops comes in a rainbow of colors but the colorful O’s are all the same flavor.

Did you know that the Eiffel Tower leans as much as 7 inches in really hot weather because the portion of the structure that’s in the sun expands more than the parts in the shade?

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?

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