

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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# Rotary

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.: Rachel Brown – 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: Lynne Schott – Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

## Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

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**Welcome!** Today is the 200th day of 2017. There are 165 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is program chair this morning and Bob Schott is greeter. I'm sure we will also be discussing the auction.

**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 207-743-6129 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.

**7/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30PM-6:00PM. We need 2 people to help out.**

**7/26 – Louise Firth-Campbell and Lynne Schott. Our guest speaker will be Robert MacKenzie, Kennebunk police chief, who is heading up the District 7780 Recovery Initiative program.**

**7/31 – August Board meeting at Joel's office in South Paris at 5:30 PM.**

**8/2 – District Governor Dave Underhill and Patty Rice**

**8/9 – Club Assembly and George Rice**

**8/16 – Lobster Prep Meeting and Kim Preble**

**8/19 – LOBSTER & STEAK FEST, OHCHS, 3:00PM-6:00PM**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Peter and Becky Kaurup from Crescent City, FL were our visiting Rotarians. Sully and Jaxson Ward were the guests of their mother, Miranda Ward.

## **Auction!**

The auction was a huge success this year. We had so much stuff, we were concerned that we wouldn't have time to auction it all, but thanks to our talented auctioneer, Dan Allen, we were sold out by 2:30 PM. We had three cars, a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis, donated by the owner and Brett Farm Storage, a 2013 Ford Focus donated by Ripley & Fletcher Ford and a 2007 Dodge Stratus donated by Bessey Motor Sales. We received \$1400 for the Mercury, \$3600 for the Focus and \$3000 for the Dodge for a total of \$8000. I understand that Ed Lyons bought the Mercury and Linda Earle bought the Focus. I don't know who purchased the Dodge. The weather cooperated, not too hot, not too cold; the hot dogs sold well – thank you, Frank & Connie – although Frank tried to get Rotarians to pay more by telling them

each condiment was an additional 25 cents. All in all, everything went well. I'm sure we will have some preliminary figures this morning.

### **Announcements:**

**President Chris W.** – District Governor Dave Underhill will be visiting the club on August 2. Let's have a great turnout for him.

Oxford Casino has committed to purchasing 100 tickets to the Lobster & Steak Fest again this year, which is wonderful news. We are very grateful for their continued support. We have also found out that the Veteran's will be coming this year as they do not have any conflicts on Lobster weekend.

We presented the scouts with 2 campership awards totaling \$720 on Friday night as they arrived to guard our "stuff." They spend the night under the tents and help set up the chairs for the auction which is a huge help.

### **Last Week:**

Our time was split between a club assembly and the auction. Starting with Secretary John Griffith, every officer and board member gave us an update as to our status and what is happening with the club.

**Secretary John Griffith** – initially hesitated to accept the secretary position, but has found it very enjoyable. Most of the duties involve record keeping, attendance, etc. He also enjoys producing the Reader every week.

**Treasurer Rachel Brown** – just getting into the job and still learning. We currently have \$19,175.05 in the checking account and \$45,355.90 in our investment account.

**Foundation Chair George Rice** – Polio is still a huge concern and was much talked about at the RI Convention. It is estimated that we will need an additional \$1.5B to finally conquer the disease as we are dealing with remote areas, religious opposition, wars and other obstacles.

**Sgt. At Arms Stan Brett** – time occupied with attendance, collecting money and managing our tents and tent rental.

**AG Chris Summers** – Our district has started the District 7780 Recovery Initiative Program to deal with the opioid crisis in our area. Kennebunk police chief, Robert MacKenzie, is heading up this effort for the district and will be speaking to us next week, our July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Western Maine Drug Addiction Task Force has changed its name (sorry, I did not catch it) and had a meeting last Wednesday night at the Mollycokett motel in West Paris.

**Vocational Chair Bob Schott** – September is vocational service month once again. Would like to have members give vocational talks to update existing members and inform new members who might not have heard talks before. Also, it has been decided that for the time being, the Moon Bounce will only be rented to club members at a cost of \$50.

**Community Service chair Beth Abbott** – we need to do some more "stuff" – perhaps some things we used to do like flowers for seniors and other things to make us more visible in the community. The veteran's home needs a new whirlpool bath for folks to walk into as many cannot step up and over to get in the existing one.

**International Service chair Val Weston** – the Westbrook-Gorham club received a district grant for a clean water project in Guatemala and is looking for additional sponsors.

Interact Advisor Tina Fox – the club has been busy. They had a table for Freshmen day, providing introductions to the club for incoming freshmen. They have been rafting and have worked at the Common Ground Fair. They will be making a trip to the UN the weekend of November 10 to see the UN and perhaps attend a show on Broadway.

Dan Hart – working on coordinating programs, so when you come up as program chair, please let Dan know who your speaker will be or if you need help finding a speaker, check with Dan. Starting in November, the Students of the Month will be coming the second meeting of the month rather than the first as President Chris wants to have a monthly assembly the first meeting of the month.

Paul Thornfeldt – Auction – please keep track of who donated so we can include them in our thank you ad. In addition, we need to give Kathy Richardson a huge thank you for everything she donated this year.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Dave had congratulation dollars for Dan and Glenn on their birthdays. Dan A. had some happy dollars for the unsung heroes of the club and the work they do. Lynne was happy for her granddaughter Amelia's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Sunday. George presented the club with a Convention banner and has lobster posters available for distribution.

50/50 – For the second week in a row, John's ticket was drawn, this time by Miranda. Unfortunately his luck was no better as he drew the 2 of Clubs.

July Birthdays – Greg (Susan) Graves – 7/7; Dan Hart – 7/8; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9.

July Anniversaries – Paul & Dawne Thornfeldt – 7/1

July Membership Anniversaries: Val Weston – 30 yrs. – 7/22

#### Thought for the Week:

“The world is your cow, but you have to do the milking.”

~From Yankee Wisdom, New England Proverbs~

#### The 4-Way Test

#### Of the things we think, say or do:

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

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