

# Rotary



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

PO Box 14

Norway, ME 04268

Rotary Theme for 2016-2017:

**"Rotary Serving Humanity"**

**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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### 2016-2017 Officers:

Rotary International President: John Germ - District 7780 Governor: Marge Barker – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Joel Speakman – Pres. Elect: Chris Weston – Vice-pres.: George Rice – Treas.: Pat Cook – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Ron Morse – Vocational Service Chair: Bob Schott - Community Service Chair: Dan Allen - International Service Chair: Beth Abbott – Youth Service Chair: Kim Preble

**Home Club of PDG George Rice**

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**Welcome!** Today is the 200th day of 2016. There are 166 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Val Weston. Her guest speaker is Matt Cook. 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 207-743-6129 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 – Visioning Committee meeting at 5:00 PM at Tally Decato's, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris**

**7/21 – Lobster & Steak Fest Committee meeting somewhere at a time tba**

**7/27 – Beth Abbott and Patty Rice. Beth's guest speaker is AG Cathy Sullivan from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club who will be talking about the club's trip to the Dominican Republic.**

**7/31 – Road sign repair by the bowling alley in South Paris, 9:00AM**

**8/3 – Dan Allen and George Rice**

**8/8 – Board meeting at 5:30 at Edward Jones in South Paris**

**8/10 – Anderson-Staples Post and Kim Preble**

**8/17 – Lobster & Steak Fest meeting and Dave Preble**

**8/20 – Lobster & Steak Fest at OHCHS**

**8/21 – Road Toll in South Paris in front of the post office, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Do we really have to consider Frank Shorey a guest? Other than Frank, there were no other visiting Rotarians or guests.

### **Announcements:**

**President Joel** – George Rice handed out lobster tickets. Red tickets are for steak; blue tickets are for lobster. The price per ticket this year is \$25 for tickets sold prior to the event and \$30 at the door.

The auction was very successful again this year as preliminary figures indicate that we made close to \$10,000. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put it together this year, especially Paul Thornfeldt who spent many hours coordinating everything and Dan Allen for his auctioneering talents once again.

At the last board meeting, the board decided to raise the amount of the scholarships we give out next year from \$500 to \$750.

Reminder that we will be having a road toll in front of the post office in South Paris on August 21 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

Patty Rice read a note of thanks that she and George received from PDG Jim Lilley who was with us two weeks ago.

### *Last Week's Program:*

Lois Strauss introduced our guest speakers, Alice Sammon and Isabel Merhoff. Alice is the founder of the Ripple Effect Project which is a 501c3 she founded to help the Korando Faith Widows and Orphans Group. The KFWOG is a non-governmental organization based in Kisumu, Kenya by Dolfine and Patrick Oliech. KFWOG currently houses over 30 orphans and provides a primary education to over 200 students. It also operates a farm with fishponds for food and income. Of course, we are working on a possible global grant to provide the orphanage and school with a solar powered water pump system for their farm which is on the shores of Lake Victoria. As part of a school mission trip, Isabel went to Kisumu recently and told us about her experiences with the children there and what their needs are.

 Happy Dollars  - No time for Happy \$\$'s for the third week in a row!

50/50 – With \$196 in the pot, Pat drew Mary Lou's number and Mary Lou drew the King of Diamonds.

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; Dave & Becky Preble – 7/26; Bruce & Pat Cook – 7/27

July Membership Anniversaries: - Deb Harris – 1 yr – 7/22

[Remember that we can order Rotary clothing directly from Companycasuals.com/thisisrotary](http://Companycasuals.com/thisisrotary)

### Thought for the week:

“Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart.”

~Erma Bombeck~

**And a little extra:**

The wings of the noisome fly buzzing around the kitchen window are humming in the middle key of F.  
Its rapid wings beat 345 strokes a second, producing that hum.

**The Four 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 BETTER 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, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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