

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.: 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

Welcome! Today is the 207th day of 2017. There are 158 days remaining in the year. Louise Firth-Campbell is program chair this morning. Our guest speaker is Robert MacKenzie, Kennebunk police chief, who is heading up the District 7780 Recovery Initiative program. 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

7/31 – August Board meeting at Val Weston's office building across from VIP in Norway 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 Dave Preble

8/17 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need two people to help out.

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

8//23 – Tina Fox and Ron Morse

8/30 – Evening social meeting and Glenn Huntley

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Peter and Becky Kaurup from Crescent City, FL and Dennis King from Washington TWP, NJ were our visiting Rotarians. Our guest was Tara O'Leary.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Bob Schott talked about Rotary Fellowships, in particular the RMB or Rotary Means Business Fellowship. The RMB Fellowship supports the success of Rotarians by encouraging members to do business with fellow Rotarians and to refer others to Rotarians. The RMB Fellowship is one of the fastest growing fellowships with over 500 members and 38 local chapters on every continent except Antarctica.

Rotary and the Red Sox:

With apologies to Frank Shorey and the Tampa Bay Rays, I found this on the District 7780 web site and thought some of us might be interested.

Stories

Red Sox and Rotary together on September 13!



Join 200 Rotarians and friends from around New England to root for our hometown heroes – our Boston Red Sox, when they play the Oakland Athletics at historic Fenway Park. 200 seats in the left field grandstand, in Sections 29-31, have been blocked out for us. This event will sell out, so call your friends and **purchase your tickets today**. Meet new friends; chat about baseball and Rotary; have a wonderful time; and cheer on our beloved Red Sox. Hopefully they will still be in first place, on their way to the playoffs and on their way to another World Series banner!

Game date: September 13, 2017 @ 7:10 PM EDT

Deadline to purchase: August 18, 2017 @ 11:59 EDT

Seat block location: left field grandstand, Sections 29-31

Purchase at: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Rotaryinternational>

After you purchase your tickets, please **send a quick note** to DGN Andy Glazier at andyglzr@gmail.com. Based on the level of interest and response to this offer, we will then explore transportation options. Thank you!

Announcements and Last Week:

President Chris presented PP Joel with his past president's pin and thanked him for his service to the club. He also congratulated Val Weston on her 30th anniversary with Rotary. For those who don't know, Val was the first woman president of our club.

There are now two baskets up by the head table for donations to local food pantries. President Chris would like each member to bring in non-perishable foods each week and once the baskets are filled, we will choose a pantry to give them to.

George Rice – Lobster and Steak Fest tickets have been distributed to all members present. Red tickets are for lobster, yellow tickets are for steak. Pre-sales are very important as they help us determine how much food to order. We had very few walk-ins last year. The Oxford Casino has once again purchased 100 tickets to distribute to local nursing homes and the Veteran's home. There are only 4 weeks remaining from Saturday, the 22nd.

Speaking of the Lobster and Steak Fest, there will be (was) a lobster organizational meeting at Dave and Becky Preble's summer home at 6:30PM, Monday, July 24, Lane 3, off the Lake Rd. just past the entrance to Norway Lake park.

PP and AG Chris Summers – thanks to our guests who were a big help at the Auction. Chris also told us his mother is coming on August 8th and will be staying until September 19th, a little longer than usual. We always look forward to seeing her.

In his AG role, Chris also reminded us of his challenge to visit other clubs during this Rotary year. He enjoys visiting other clubs and recently visited with Fryeburg.

A Governor's social is in the works, possibly around August 31 – September 1, although it could be later in the fall. More on that to come. He also reminded us that the Governor is coming to our meeting on August 2nd – which is now next week. With the District concentrating on Recovery & Addiction this year, he is hopeful that Rotary can make a connection with the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative.

Treasurer Rachel Brown – distributed preliminary financial information on the Auction. We made a total of \$15,206.00 less some expenses that have not been paid.

Paul Thornfeldt – found one gift certificate for \$50 from Littlefield's in his truck that got separated from the other certificates. He auctioned it off to the club. Lois was the high bidder at \$42. Paul thanked everyone once again because everyone contributed to the auction's success. He thanked Dan Allen for his auctioneering skills and Patty Rice for organizing the ticket auction which Patty said sold out this year. We, in turn, recognized Paul for his organizational skills in putting the auction together. Well done everyone!

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Val had a gratitude dollar for 30 years as a member of the club. Dennis King had a say hello and glad to be back dollar. He hopes to return for the Lobster & Steak Fest next month. Frank Shorey had \$2.00 because the Rays are only two games behind the Red Sox. Kim had happy and sad dollars, happy for her new position with the Androscoggin County United Way and a sorry to be leaving the club dollar. However, she will be transferring her membership back to the Auburn club. Lois had happy and sad dollars, happy that Rotarians delivered the desk she purchased at the auction and took her old desk away – which we then sold – and sad dollar for Herb, who she says will soon need hospice care. Beth had a thank you dollar for the Casino who donated the food to the Auction. The hot dogs and such left over were donated to the 2nd Congregational Church for the free meal program. Tina thanked her granddaughters for their enthusiasm in selling 50/50 tickets at the auction. They had a ball! President Chris thanked Frank and Connie Shorey for their skills in the food tent at the Auction.

50/50 – Kim drew her own number but then drew an 8 of clubs. There was \$431 in the pot. Sorry Kim.

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:

Steve Jobs conducted business meetings while walking. The human brain works better when the body is physically active. Walking is good for creativity and productivity as well as physical health.

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

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

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