

# 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: Christopher 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 186th day of 2017. There are 179 days remaining in the year – we have passed the midpoint of the calendar year. Our program chair this morning is Lois Strauss. Her guest speaker is Sarah Carter from Healthy Oxford Hills. Our greeter is Beth Abbott.

**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.

**7/10 – July Board meeting at Joel's office in South Paris at 5:30 PM.**

**7/12 – Club Assembly and Joel Speakman**

**7/15 – AUCTION DAY!**

**7/19 – Tally Decato and Bob Schott**

**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**

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

**8/2 – Tina Fox and Patty Rice**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey was our visiting Rotarian. Anna White was the guest of Lois Strauss and Donna Landry was the guest of Kim Preble.

## Announcements:

**Paul** gave us an auction update. He said he received three calls recently from potential donors that he and Curtis are going to check out. One is offering us a washer and dryer. While we don't normally take appliances, Paul knows the people who are and is confident that they are good machines. We have a lot of box lots this year with many small items but we also have quite a few large items that have taken residence in Paul's garage because there is not room for them in the storage trailer. Paul presented the

club with a check for the large bath tub and heavy wood stove donated by Herb and Lois Strauss, almost \$1,000.

Kim Preble and her quest, Donna Landry, talked to us about the summer meals program for kids 18 and under. Free lunches are being provided M-F from 11:30 – 12:30 in three locations – Moore Park in South Paris, Longley Square in Norway and the Regency MHP in Oxford. Volunteers are needed to pick up coolers with the food at the Advent Christian Church in Oxford, take them to the lunch site, distribute them, clean up and return the coolers to the church. If any Rotarians feel they can help out, please speak to Kim Preble as the program is being coordinated through United Way.

AG Chris Summers - Kathy Richardson, wife of PP and Secretary, Jack Richardson, is moving to a smaller home across from her current residence on Paris Hill. She is asking for help with the move on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. If any Rotarians can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Last Week:

President Joel Speakman started the last meeting of his presidency. He thanked everyone for the work during the year and said he learned a lot, but especially these three things. (1) – when someone gives their time to someone else, both people win. (2) – Public speaking gets easier over time. (3) Anything of value cannot be accomplished by yourself. It takes teamwork. With that, he turned the meeting over to incoming president, Chris Weston. Chris thanked us for “allowing him to be our president” and presented Joel with a past president’s gavel and his Paul Harris Fellow award. He presented the club with the banner for 2017-2018 and read a note from incoming District Governor, Dave Underhill. Chris also told us about a new District 7780 program to combat the opioid crisis in District 7780. Dave Preble has agreed to serve as the club’s liaison with this program.

President Chris asked AG Chris to talk a bit about the changeover meeting at Camp Hinds and also to say a few words about RYLA. AG Chris said he sat at a table with some RYLA participants and was struck with their enthusiasm. He asked them what stuck out in their minds about the program and the two major themes that emerged were team building and learning to work together and the way ethics was presented to them.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Stan – was happy to have set 4 tents and thanked Curtis for his help. We made \$800. Dennis King was happy to be with us once again. Kim was happy for the United Way open house. She now has help from an American Vista volunteer who started last week. She was also happy for her dad who is now the president of the Auburn Rotary. Dan A. was sad to have missed the last two weeks but was happy to be back. Beth met our RYLA student but hasn’t yet met the student from Poland. She wished good luck to incoming president Chris. Dan H. was happy that 480 Rowe school students walked to the high school for their award ceremony and that today (now last week) marks his 1 year anniversary with the club. Lois was happy for the unsung heroes of our club. She was happy that Annya White was with us; happy for the care giver that they now have to help Herb; happy that their youngest son and his wife are coming from California for a visit. Frank thanked us for our generous contribution to his cause – we are a great club and he donated the proceeds back to the cups. Joel wished good luck to incoming president, Chris.

50/50 – Curtis drew Miranda’s number but Miranda drew the 7 of spades. Sorry Miranda.

**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:**

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

~ John F. Kennedy ~

**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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