

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: Barry Rassin - District 7780 Governor: John LoBosco – Oxford Hills Rotary President: George Rice – Pres. Elect: Pat Cook – Vice-pres.: Lynne Schott – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Weston – 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 President and PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good Morning and Welcome: Today is the 192nd day of 2018. There are 173 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having our delayed Changeover meeting – due to President Chris and President-elect George attending the International Convention in Toronto on June 27 and there being no meeting last week, July 4th. We will also be discussing final preparation for the Auction this coming Saturday. Our greeter is Patty Rice.

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.

7/13 – 7/14 – Auction!

7/18 – Club Assembly and Dave Preble

7/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

7/25 – George Campbell and Ron Morse

7/30 – Board Meeting at Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris, 5:30 PM

8/1 – Curtis Cole and Liz Knox

8/8 – District Governor's visit and Glenn Huntley

8/15 – Club Assembly and Dan Hart

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Visiting Rotarians were Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey. Guests were past member Perry Palmer, his daughter, Gen and Charlie Fox, who was the guest of Tina Fox.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Lynne Schott thanked everyone for all of the birthday wishes she received from club members as well as Rotarians from all over the world from people she would never have known without Rotary.

Announcements:

Don't forget that there will be a Board meeting on Monday, July 9th, at 5:30 PM at the Deering Memorial Community Center in South Paris. This is a new location for board meetings.

Bob Schott – the moon bounce is still available for rent to members only for \$50. It is rented out for July 8 and July 21.

Stan Brett – we set three tents the weekend of June 22-24.

Auction – don't forget there are sign-up sheets and blank gift certificates for the auction on the tables at the back of the room. All of our storage facilities are full. Lois has donated a nice lawn mower with garden cart with only 22 hours of use.

A reminder once again that The Rowe School food pantry needs continued help through the summer which the club will support. Don't forget to bring in non-perishable food items for our baskets.

....and don't forget 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. Speak to Miranda if you can help out.

Two weeks ago:

Vice-president Pat Cook officiated as both President Chris and Val, and President-elect George and Patty, were at the Convention in Toronto. Pat led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Lois led us in singing "God Bless America" and Glenn offered the invocation.

Visioning Chair Louise Campbell led the discussion during our Quarterly Visioning update.

1. Membership – Current membership stands at 32 which is 5 short of our goal. Next year's plan requires 8 new members to stay on track. Unfortunately, we lost 2 members at the end of the Rotary year, offsetting the 2 new members we inducted this spring.
2. Rotary Night at the Casino – we have agreed that it will benefit Food Pantries/Baskets for Oxford Hills residents. The amount we will be able to spend on these next year is partially dependent on this happening during the upcoming year. The hold-up still seems to be the cost to us in working with the radio station.
3. Scholarships – this year, we gave out 7 scholarships for \$850 each. Next year, we are planning to increase this to \$1,000. Funding made possible by the new Lobsters for Scholars raffle and Cabot Cheese sales. Lobsters for Scholars will continue in the new year, with 2 raffles, selling 75 tickets to each.
4. Public Relations – we now have the ability to accept credit card payments on our website. We have also purchased swipe cards so that we can accept credit cards at the Auction and Steak & Lobster Fest. If members want to pay their dues with credit or debit cards, we can do that as

well. Updating and re-organizing our website was another goal and that is on-going. We also continue to work on a brochure for the Club which we hope to have completed this summer.

5. At the last board meeting, Vice-president Pat Cook suggested that we look at what we might do for Senior Citizens, as the only thing we have in the budget is purchasing flowers for various events. Pat has volunteered to head up a new committee to look at what we might do.

Happy Dollars – **Lynne** was happy to say that there was an article published in OUTDOOR MAGAZINE on her son's Benedict Arnold expedition. **Dennis King** had a glad to be here dollar and said he would be back again at the end of July. **Dave** had happy dollars for 3 recent family birthdays. **Glenn** said that he had heard from Dave Whittier and that he is feeling better. He doesn't have to go back to the doctor until August. **Bob** has been doing some landscaping for his sister and was happy to say that her prognosis is much better. **Perry Palmer** had a thanks to the club dollar on his dad's recent passing. He also congratulated Chris on his year as president and to George for stepping up to be president for the second time.

50/50 – Tina drew her husband Charlie's number but Charlie drew the 6 of Spades. It was not announced, but guessing the pot was around \$130.

July Birthdays – Becky Kaurup – 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 and Par Cook – 7/27.

July Membership Anniversaries – Val Weston – 31 yrs. – 7/22

A couple of July events:

Renowned advice columnists Eppie Lederer and Pauline Phillips, the twin sisters known as Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren, respectively, were born on July 4, 1918.

The Chillicothe Baking Company of Chillicothe, Missouri, introduced the first packaged sliced bread on July 7, 1928

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