

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 199th day of 2018. There are 166 days remaining in the year. (We have turned the corner folks). This morning is a Club Assembly. Our greeter is Dave Preble, a/k/a Preb.

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.

7/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Pat Cook and Tina Fox are on deck.

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

8/16 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Dan Hart and Chris Summers are on it.

8/22 – Pat Cook and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and quests: We had two visiting Rotarians, Frank Shorey from Murdock Rotary in Port Charlotte, Florida and Natalie Donais from Suffield, Connecticut. We had one guest, Jo Sabel Courtney from Cabot Creamery Corp. who donated a Cabot Cheese gift pack to the Auction and gave each of us a sample package of cheese. Jo was the guest of Chris Summers.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Patty Rice talked briefly about the International Convention in Toronto at which she and George met the new RI President, Barry Rassin and his wife. Barry is the first Bahamian to be elected president of RI. His home district in the Bahamas encompasses 10 countries on 16 islands. His Rotary theme is "Be the Inspiration". Patty and George really enjoyed the convention and really learned a lot.

Announcements:

Paul Thornfeldt – discussed final preparation for the auction on Saturday. We have lots of stuff and things are looking good. We received a very nice Mercury Milan from Ripley & Fletcher Ford but due to some miscommunication, we do not have a car from Bessey Motor Sales. However, they are donating \$2,000.00 in gift certificates that we can auction off.

Paul also presented Val Weston with a painting that we all hoped had disappeared years ago.

Curtis Cole – had to leave early to attend another meeting but he did want to report that he played in the Mountain Valley Rotary (Rumford) golf tournament and spent the day with PDG Tim Placey. Tim gave Curtis a \$5.00 “concern” dollar for George Rice with the hope that “he doesn’t screw things up like he did last time” he was president of OH Rotary.

Tina Fox – set up a slide show of pictures from this year’s RYLA event for us to look at before we leave.

Jo Sabel Courthey from Cabot Cheese spoke briefly to thank us for our purchase of Cabot Cheese Wheels these last few years. She also told us that Cabot can send us cheese and promotional items for our events. They also have a volunteer rewards program. Last year, the top 60 volunteers went on an all-expense paid Alaskan cruise. This year, the cruise is around New England and Atlantic Canada. We told her we would certainly take her up on her offer to provide cheese for our events.

Last week:

President Chris W. started the meeting as usual, leading us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Dan led us in singing our “Auction” song which is to the tune of Jingle Bells. Glenn Huntley gave the invocation.

Chris thanked the club and the board for their support during his year as president, and the club, in turn thanked him for all of his hard work and dedication. Stan told us that Chris came in early every meeting day and helped set up the room. AG Chris told us that 25 clubs in the district qualified for the President’s Reward and that 4 of them were in Chris’s region, Oxford Hills included. President Chris said that two of the highlights of his year were attending the Multi-District Conference and the International Convention.

Chris then passed the gavel to now President George Rice. George said he first met Chris when they were first grade classmates in 1951-1952. He said he looked up to Chris then and he still looks up to him! He said Chris had a great personality, charm and wit, which he said he still has. George then presented Chris with a gavel plaque and his Past-president pin.

George brought our attention to the pin he was wearing, “Enjoy Rotary”, which was the theme the last time he was president. He feels that this year’s theme, “Be an Inspiration” is very apropos. We need to let people know that we enjoy Rotary and to “Be an Inspiration” in everything we do.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Frank was happy for the welcoming sign he found on the fence of the home he and Connie are renting for the month of July. It is nice to be back (even if he has to put up with Preble who lives across the street). Patty said that she and George were eating at a restaurant when 4 kids just back from RYLA recognized the Rotary shirts they were wearing and came over to tell them how much they enjoyed the program. Dave had 4 happy dollars – 1) for his 59th birthday, 2) for his and Becky’s anniversary on July 26th, 3) his new neighbor and 4) for the Tampa Bay Rays towel that his new neighbor gave him. Glenn had a text from Rotarian Bill Castle from Zephyr Hills, Florida, letting us know that “it is too bad we are going downhill with George as our new president.

50/50 – Dan Hart drew Chris Summers’s number and Chris first drew the Joker – which is not part of the deal. Given a second draw, Chris still did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$146 in the pot.

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

Thought for the Week:

“If it is just us, it seems like an awful waste of space.”

~ Carl Sagan ~

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