

Rotary



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.: Patty Rice – 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 206th day of 2018. There are 159 days remaining in the year. Treasurer Patty Rice has arranged for Carol Madsen from Bridgton-Lake Region and Steve Wight from Bethel to be our guest speakers. They will be talking about the District trip to Kenya. This morning is a Club Assembly. Ron Morse is our greeter.

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.

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

8/1 – Curtis Cole and Liz Knox. Our guest speaker will be our Club Protection Officer, Dan Hart

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

8/29 – Evening Social and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Lois Strauss from the Estero, Florida Rotary was our only visiting Rotarian. Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Dave Preble was inspired to review the Rotary Code of Conduct by the new Rotary slogan, "Be the Inspiration." The Code of Conduct is on the last page of the Reader).

Announcements:

President George – announced to the club that Treasurer Louise Campbell has resigned for personal reasons. We wish her well and thank her for her service while she was a member. Patty Rice has been appointed by the Board to serve out Louise's term for the remaining Rotary year. Liz Knox has agreed to be assistant treasurer, working with Patty to learn the ropes in order to be ready to assume the treasurer's position for 2019-2020.

Posters are ready for the Lobster & Steak Fest so please take some to post in your places of business if you can. Tickets will be ready for distribution next (now this) week. We just received word that the Oxford Casino will not be purchasing tickets this year as they have the last several years so we will have to step up and sell the 100 tickets that they have been purchasing.

George announced as well that he wants to continue the food basket program President Chris began last year. We will continue to donate to the 3 school food pantries which they will use for the summer lunch program.

George and his crew hosted a Lobsters for Scholars dinner in South Casco last weekend for 60 people. As result of that, one attendee hired us to put on a surprise birthday party for his wife this coming Sunday only this time we will be serving BBQ chicken and corn on the cob. A sign-up sheet was passed around for help in the morning and again in the afternoon. Each one of these dinners nets us around \$1000 for the scholarship program.

George called Frank Shorey up front to announce that Frank has rejoined Oxford Hills after a stint in the Murdock, Florida club. Frank told us that he had been a member of OH for 31 years, that he realized that this was home and it just didn't feel right being a member of another club. George had the pleasure of pinning Frank and we all sang the Coffee Mug song to welcome him back.

Tina Fox – The kids who attended RYLA will be coming to tell us about their experience sometime in September or October prior to the start of the Student of the Month program. She also updated us on the plan to hold the Interact District Conference at Oxford Hills on March 23, 2019. There are usually 300-350 kids in attendance and we will need to keep them busy. Within the conference, there are mini-sessions just like the District Conference, such as sessions on the 4 Way Test, the opioid crisis and RYLA. Tina asked club members to suggest other sessions and perhaps host one. Tina is also reaching out to the Bethel and Lake Region Clubs for additional participation. We will have to provide breakfast and lunch on the day of the conference and Tina has reserved the high school for overnight Friday for kids coming long distances – should they want to come early and stay over.

Ron Morse – We will be selling Cheese Wheels at the Decca Christmas Fair in November. Kiwanis has agreed to share their table with us.

Stan Brett – we will be setting two tents for the Paris Founder's Day up on Paris Hill this (now last) weekend.

Paul Thornfeldt – preliminary figures indicate that we made approximately \$15,000.00 from the auction. No final figure yet as there are still some bills to pay. The ticket auction netted \$1,000.00 which is the highest amount since we started it – certainly way more than we ever made from the flea market.

Statistically speaking, we have 180 businesses on our list including ones that were added. 120 of those were signed up to be solicited (66%). 58 of those businesses donated, 48% of those solicited and 32% of the total. All in all, the auction went well. We all thanked Paul and Dan for the hard work they put into the auction this year and they, in turn, thanked all the members for their help. It is a lot of work, but also a lot of fun to put this event on.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – Lynne had a Happy Birthday dollar for Bob's brother who just turned 80. She also told us that Bob was in the newspaper for his appearance at a hearing about the power line the powers that be want to put through The Forks. Apologies to Frank Shorey as my notes aren't clear but I think he had a sad dollar from Mary Lou and Pat for not paying attention to him. He also had happy dollars for our new members, Liz and Tonya, and lastly for his and Connie's 54th Wedding Anniversary. Glenn had a happy dollar for Dave Whittier who told him he is continuing to feel better. Glenn also said that now that he was retired, this year was the first time he had been able to fully participate in the auction and that he was very impressed with it. Tally said the auction benefitted from the Arts Festival as she heard that upon leaving the Festival said they were heading to the auction to check it out. Lois had a bag of delicious praline nuggets which she offered to club members. Tally bought them. Dan A. had a happy \$20 once again for Norway and South being the center of the known universe. He told us that if you drew a line from western most point in the state to the eastern most point and then drew a line from the northern most point to the southernmost point, they intersect on the Shedd Rd. in Norway. John was happy that he can finally have all 250 banker's boxes full of documents stored in his basement shredded – long story.

50/50 – Dan Allen drew Connie Shorey's number and Connie, in turn, drew the 8 of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. There was \$159 in the pot.

July Birthdays – Dan Hart – 7/8; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9; Becky Kaurup – 7/15

July Anniversaries – Paul & Dawne Thornfeldt – 7/1; Dave & Becky Preble – 7/26; Bruce & Pat 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 ~

The Rotary Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs and improve people's quality of life in my community and the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

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