

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."

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 230th day of 2016. There are 136 days remaining in the year. This morning's meeting will be the final preparation for the Lobster & Steak Fest on Saturday. Dave Preble is 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 207-743-6129 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.

8/20 – Lobster & Steak Fest at OHCHS

8/21 – Road Toll in South Paris in front of the post office, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

8/24 – AG Cathy Sullivan will be back to talk to us in her formal role of AG and Ron Morse

8/31 – Rachel Brown and Trish Logan

9/7 – Mary Lou Burns and Glenn Huntley

9/14 – American Legion and Dan Hart

9/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner – we will need 2 volunteers – 4:30PM – 6:00PM.

9/15 – Club Visioning and Strategic Planning – Portland area – 5:00PM – 9:00PM

9/21 – DG Marge Barker and Deb Harris

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Frank Shorey had nothing else to do so he decided to torment us once again. Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey, and Frank were our visiting Rotarians. Our other guests were DJ Kitty, guest of Frank Shorey, Phyllis Summers, the guest of PP Chris Summers and Jackson and Sullivan Ward, guests of their mother, Miranda Ward.

Announcements:

President Joel - handed out a work sheet showing the amount of what we have given away the last 12 months. I apparently did not pick one up to keep but as memory serves, I believe the total came to something around \$14,400.

Joel told us that he is working on a special meeting for August 31st. He will give us the details when he has them worked out. If so, this will bump Rachel's program to September 7 and Mary Lou to September 28 as the programs for September 14 and 21 are set.

George Rice – The meeting next week (now this week) will be devoted to the final preparations of the Lobster & Steak Fest. Sell your tickets and if you need more, contact George.

Bob Schott – the road toll for August 21 in South Paris is a definite. We received the approval from the new Paris Police Chief. So far, 4 people have signed up – we really need 6, so if you have any time, even a small amount, to help out, we could use it.

John Griffith – it was not mentioned but I believe everyone in the District received an e-mail from Dick Hall for the District Governor team concerning Visioning for District 7780. The e-mail said that the information captured during three vision events will help define a District vision for membership, public image, District and club leadership, District and club succession planning and interclub collaboration. They are looking for members throughout the district based on geography and availability. Participants will be selected based on order of application, the need for mix of participants and a desire to have a good cross section of our clubs. There was an enrollment form at the end of the e-mail to send in if you are interested. The event is free to attendees. The first event is September 15 in the Portland area and the deadline to sign-up is Sunday, August 21.

From the Board meeting on August 8^t – after some discussion at this meeting and the July meeting, the board voted to approve a donation of \$500 to the Walking School Bus program. There was some concern that we were supporting the stipend for the coordinator but in the end, most board members felt that the children were the ones that benefitted by supporting the continuation of the program.

Last Week:

We did not have any song help but we managed to sing “Happy Birthday” to Mary Lou Burns – and not too badly, I might add. Mary Lou’s birthday was on the 11th and it was the big “8 0”. Congratulations Mary Lou!

Curtis Cole took over as program chair for the Legion who could not be with us. Curtis asked two of our newest members to give their classification talks.

Beth Garza went first. She is a Teller Supervisor at Norway Savings Bank, a position she has had since the beginning of the year. She started in banking in 1997 as a teller at the Key Bank branch in the Oxford Hannaford. She then moved on to branch operations and a branch manager. Three years ago, she and her husband became foster parents and ultimately they were able to adopt Eva, whom they had fostered since she was 3 weeks old and they have just completed the adoption of Nora, whom they have had since birth. Beth’s focus changed with having kids, so she stepped back from management. However, her current position allows her to continue working with people and helping them with their finances.

Dan Hart was our second speaker. He has always lived in Maine and has been in western Maine for 30 years now. His wife is from northern Maine as well. Dan didn’t plan to be an educator even though his high school government teacher told him he’d make a good one. He went to school at USM where his mentor was the house director and Dan eventually became one. He said working in the dorms was a good experience and he really enjoyed it. After college, he worked for CETA in Portland doing counseling. He went back to school and got his Masters in counseling and spent 12 years at Telstar in Bethel as a counselor where his principal asked him to consider getting into administration. He worked for Region 9 for 5 years, then became principal of Telstar before making the move to Rowe School in Norway. Being principal of an elementary school is different than that of a high school, but Dan said he was ready for new challenges and he is very happy that he made the switch.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Bob** was happy about the Road Toll and having a second one over Columbus Day weekend in October. He also had a “Hello” from past members, George and Jean Rubly, who are enjoying retirement in Westport Island. **Dave** thanked Beth and Dan for their talks this morning and that it is great to have Dan as a member. **Dennis King** was glad to see everyone again. **Susan** said that some of her grandchildren are adopted so she can relate to what Beth and Dan H. said in their talks. **Glenn** was happy that his 10 year old grandson caught a 14” bass. **Kim** was happy for the Olympics. **Curtis** was happy to announce that we have a golf team for the United Way scramble – Curtis, Ron, Tally and Paul. **Ron** wanted us to know that Larry Cousins had bypass surgery and is coming along well.

50/50 – Dave drew his own number but his luck stopped there and the pot continues to grow.

August Birthdays: Lois Strauss – 8/8; Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris Summers – 8/17

August Anniversaries: None Listed

August Membership Anniversaries: Oxford American Legion Post 112 – 1 yr. – 8/26

Remember: We can order Rotary clothing directly from CompanyCasuals.com/thisisrotary.

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 better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

A Groaner:

“I just finished shaving and brushing my teeth. While I was walking out of the bathroom, my toothpaste fell on the floor. I couldn’t bear to look at it. I had to turn away from the sadness. It looked so.....Crestfallen.”

From a Facebook posting by Eric Hanson

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, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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