

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."

2016-2017 Officers:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 244th day of 2016. There are 122 days remaining in the year. Our guest speaker this morning is our own Trish Logan who will be talking about ways we can improve our social media presence. Trish is also scheduled to be 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.

9/7 – Rachel Brown and Glenn Huntley

9/14 – American Legion and Dan Hart. Our guest speaker will be Debra Couture, Americanism Officer from the Dept. of Maine American Legion

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

9/28 – Mary Lou Burns and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Frank Shorey, AKA Mr. Tampa Bay, was our only visiting Rotarian. Phyllis Summers was the guest of PP Chris Summers and Donna Anderson was the guest of President Joel Speakman.

Announcements:

President Joel – Our Lobster & Steak Fest appears to have been a great success again this year. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this annual project. Special thanks to Dave Preble and Chris Summers who worked the cookers. It was a warm day but not as bad as it could have been. We should have some \$\$ figures available next week.

It was brought up that your newer members do not have Rotary t-shirts to wear during our events. In checking with the company that makes them, they need an order for 24 shirts in order to make them up. The suggestion was made that we order 24 in various sizes to have on hand for new members or to replace existing members shirts if they get worn out, stained or damaged.

There will not be an evening meeting on August 31st. We will meet for a morning meeting at the church as usual.

Last Week: AG Cathy Sullivan was scheduled to be our guest speaker. However she was not able to be with us. President Joel asked Donna Anderson, Executive Director of McLaughlin Garden in South Paris to be our speaker.

Donna has been the ED of the Garden since last winter. Her background is in museum administration and she has held several positions at different museums during her career. She said people think of museums as quiet, peaceful places and that how she thinks of the Garden in the midst of a busy, noisy corner of South Paris. The Garden currently has a small staff and about 50 community volunteers who work in the gardens, the gift shop and in maintenance of the houses and grounds. Many volunteers are members of the local garden club. Groups of volunteers work on different programs offered during the year such as butterflies, bugs, bats, the Lilac Festival and the Candle Light Festival. Fairy houses are also very popular so there will be a Pumpkin Fairy House this fall. Donna is currently working on an oral history of Bernard McLaughlin. She is also looking for ways to diversify to more family oriented programs. If you are interested in volunteering, there are lots of ways to help out.

😊 **Happy Dollars**😊 - **Glenn** had a happy dollar for the nice talk today. He remembered watching Mr. McLaughlin working in the gardens from his vantage point across the street. He also told of taking a nervous young customer buying her first car over to the garden for a walk while her paperwork was being prepared. **Tally** had a wonderful time at the United Way Golf Tournament. **Val** was happy that she took the McLaughlin property as a listing 20 years ago but didn't want to see it paved over. Through her contacts, the property was saved. **Dave** had 6 happy dollars for the Lobster & Steak Fest and for missing the next two meetings while he is in Denali and Skagway, Alaska. **Kim** was happy for the golf tournament and thanked Ron, Tally, Curtis and Paul for putting a team together. **Dan** has been dealing with shoulder issues since he fell a few months ago. In his most recent visit to a surgeon, he was told his shoulder is what it is. On the good news front, Nancy is doing great. **Lois** thanked the club for allowing her 5 year old grandson to help with the lobster feed. She appreciated the club accepting him. Until this year, **Curtis** has not been able to attend a Lobster Feed for the last 10 years. He was glad to see how far the lobster feed has come in the last decade. **George** had a thank you dollar for all the help at the Lobster Feed. **Pat** had a happy dollar for the Lobster Feed. However, she had a sad dollar for the cancelling of the Road Toll on the 21st due to lack of participants. They are an easy way to make \$1500.00 and we need more support from the club if we are going to continue doing them. **Frank** thanked Ron and Dave for spearheading the drive for his going away gift.

50/50 – George drew Beth's number but Beth didn't draw the King of Clubs. The pot continues to roll over.

September Birthdays: Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) 9/6; Rachel Brown – 9/18; Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

September Anniversaries: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 9/20; Lois & Herb Strauss – 9/20; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries: Mary Lou Burns – 25 yrs. – 9/4; Beth Abbott – 14 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 24 yrs. – 9/23

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

A Groaner for the Week:

A local coal miner's avocation was painting but he couldn't afford to buy canvass. Instead, he painted on the walls of his small cottage. Unfortunately, a gang of youths broke into his cottage and defaced his paintings. The young miscreants were charged in court with having "corrupted the murals of a miner."

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?**

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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