

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 213th day of 2018. There are 152 days remaining in the year. Club Protection Officer, Dan Hart, will be talking to us this morning. Liz Knox 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.

8/8 – District Governor's visit and John Griffith

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 Glenn Huntley

8/29 – Evening Social and Tina Fox

9/5 – Tally Decato and Tally Decato

9/12 – Club Assembly and Pat Cook

9/19 – Tina Fox and Curtis Cole

9/20 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM with Pat Cook and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and guests: Visiting Rotarians were Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and PDG Jim Lilley from New Jersey. Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Ron Morse talked about what it meant to be a Rotarian, how grateful he is to be a member of Oxford Hills and friends with so many great Rotarians.

Announcements:

President George – Lobster & Steak Fest tickets are in envelopes on the table in the back of the room. Please take yours before you leave today. Remember, we have to sell the tickets the Casino has purchased in the past so we have a bit more work to do this year to make the Fest successful.

We will be continuing to keep track of our volunteer hours again this year. Please put your hours down in the notebook that is in the back of the room.

We had a successful chicken BBQ last Sunday. Everyone appeared to be very happy. Thanks to the crew that went to Casco to help out. We will be doing our first Lobsters for Scholars event for Sarah Glynn on Saturday, August 4th and our second one for Becky Preble on Sunday, August 5th.

President George presented Glenn Huntley with his 32 year perfect attendance award. Congratulations, Glenn!

Stan Brett – No tents to set in the coming week.

Last Week:

Our guest speakers were Carol Madsen from the Bridgton-Lake Region club and Steve Wight from the Bethel club. Carol and Steve went on the cultural exchange trip to Kenya along with 4 others from District 7780. They spent one week at the Kakamega Orphans Care Center. The Kakamega Center home based sponsorship program gives financial support to guardians for the child/children in their care. Children cannot do well in school when they are hungry and anxious, and guardians cannot take care of children when they are stressed and exhausted, with almost no resources. In addition, there are other programs such as the high school program which provides further education, a small business program that provides start-up funds to help young people earn small business incomes and a college and university program. Steve and Carol presented a very interesting power point program about their experiences.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 – **Frank** was happy to say that this was his last meeting for a while as he must get back to Florida where he is needed. **PDG Jim Lilley** thanked OH Rotary for lots of memories and that we were part of his ability to achieve 58 years of perfect attendance. **Carol Madsen** thanked us for having her speak to us and that it was a pleasure to come. **Patty** had thank you dollars for Carol and Steve coming to talk with us, that they and Jim Lilley are cheese wheel customers and that Frank will be missed. **Curtis** was happy to see Steve. **Lois** had a sad dollar for Donna Turner, a happy dollar for the Kakamega Friends and Rotary, and a happy dollar to say that she and her grandson, Grant, are going on a cruise to Bermuda. **Lynne** had a happy dollar for our former exchange student (whose name I do

not know how to spell), Reia, and her new born baby. Bob had a happy announcement dollar that between this meeting and our next one, he and Lynne will have a new grandson.

50/50 – Tina drew Tally’s number but unfortunately, Tally did not draw the King of Clubs.

August Birthdays – Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries – None listed

August Membership Anniversaries – American Legion Post 112 – 3 yrs. – 8/26

6 Things You Didn’t Know About Gas Stations:

1. The first gas station was built in Pittsburgh, PA, on December 1, 1913.
2. Gas stations make less money when prices go up. When price jump, stations have to pay more for wholesale gasoline and barely break even.
3. There is a reason why gas stations are so close together. In short, gas stations and other retailers want to be in a central location to minimize the distance people have to travel. As all stations are making the same decision it results in stations ending up in the same area.
4. Most stations are local and independently owned. Of the 122,552 convenience stores selling gas, less than 1% are owned by one of the five major oil companies.
5. How does the gas nozzle know when to stop pumping fuel? An old fashioned mechanical system using air pressure and a device known as a venture ensures gasoline doesn’t burst out of your tank.
6. You can’t pump your own gas in New Jersey. Until 2017, Oregon residents weren’t allowed to pump their own gas until a new bill was passed that allows residents in certain counties to fill their own tanks after regular business hours.

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