

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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."

2019-2020 Officers:

Rotary International President: Mark D. Maloney, Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama - District 7780 Governor: Andrew Glazier, Rotary Club of Kittery – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Pat Cook – Pres. Elect: Lynne Schott – Vice-pres.: to be determined – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Chris Weston – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Good morning and Welcome! Today is the 226th day of 2019. There are 139 days remaining in the year. This morning is our final planning meeting for the Lobster & Steak Fest which is coming up on Saturday. Curtis Cole 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.

August:

15 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

17 – Lobster & Steak Fest at OHCHS

21 – Glenn Huntley and Dan Allen. Our guest speaker will be Steve Heinz from the Maine Council of Trout who will be talking about the Welchville Dam replacement and its effects on fishing.

28 – Dan Hart and Beth Abbott

September:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM. Monday is Labor Day so the board will be meeting on Tuesday.

4 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

11 – Liz Knox and Chris Weston **

18 – Ron Morse and Miranda Ward **

**** Regarding the September Program and Greeter schedule – Becky and Peter were next in line for September 11 and 18. However, they will be away both weeks, so I have exchanged their dates with Liz and Ron. Hopefully, that is okay with Ron and Liz.**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We had two visiting Rotarians, Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey and Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida. Camden Foley and Harper Foley were the guests of their Papa Preb, Dave Preble, and Phyllis Summers, was the guest of Chris Summers.

Rotary Moment: Dan Hart updated us on the Alternative Meeting. After reviewing all of the surveys and input from our meeting a couple of weeks ago, it looks like the preferred time is Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of the month. Daddi-O's has agreed to host and will put on whatever meal we decide – just hors d'oeuvres, a sit down dinner or buffet – at the same cost we pay for our breakfast meeting. We would be looking to start this in September or October so more info will be coming.

Membership Moment: Patty Rice reminded us that there is more to membership than attending meetings. It is also about retaining members and having fun, such as the cookout we had at Ron and Laura's home two weeks ago and the Songo River Queen cruise with Kiwanis on Thursday. Having fun things to do besides just working on projects leads to people want to stay on as members.

Announcements:

President Pat told us that Midge Leighton passed away on Tuesday, August 7, at the age of 90. Midge and her sister, Gloria, were mainstays in the kitchen, cooking our breakfast for many years. Her funeral was Saturday, August 10.

Pat also presented perfect attendance awards to Tina Fox for 2 years and Glenn Huntley for 33 years. Congratulations Tina and Glenn.

Dan Allen found a Facebook page, "Being Rotarian," and he recommended that we all take a look and consider joining. He said he has had discussions with Rotarians from all over the world and has found out a lot of interesting things that Rotary and Rotarians are doing.

George Rice – ticket sales for the Lobster & Steak Fest are down from prior years so far. The deadline for turning in sold tickets is this week as the food order has to go in by noon on Thursday. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can by then.

Liz Knox talked to us about helping clean up Riverside Cemetery in South Paris. There are almost 40 stones that have fallen or been knocked over that need to be re-set and repaired. There will be a crane available to help with the heaviest monuments. We have been wanting to do some hands on projects so this fits the bill. Liz is thinking late summer or early fall. Look for more on this as we get closer to fall.

Tina Fox told us that Healthy Oxford Hills has made some repairs to the bridge on the trail from the high school to the middle school which she initially thought would be a good project for Interact and Rotary. However, Healthy Oxford Hills would like help cleaning and maintaining the trail, probably twice a year, which is something we and Interact could do together.

Dan Allen had a gift certificate for \$100 from Hancock Lumber that arrived too late for the auction, so he offered it to the club. Chris Summers had the winning bid of \$75.

Marianne Todd told us that she is moving to Florida in October to pursue new opportunities. We will miss you Marianne. You have been a wonderful addition to the club and we are very sorry to see you go.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊: For the 3rd week in a row, we did not have time for Happy Dollars.

50/50: With \$282 in the pot, Lois drew Liz's number, but Liz did not have any luck drawing the gold ball.

August Birthdays – Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Wedding Anniversaries – None Found

August Membership Anniversaries – None Found

Fun Fact for August:

August's flower is the gladiolus. The flower was discovered in Africa in the late seventeenth century and was initially used as food.

Remember The Four Way Test:

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.orgth

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

