

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 240th day of 2019. There are 125 days remaining in the year. Our program chair is Dan Hart. His guest speaker is Charlie Paul from Honor Flight Maine. Beth Abbott 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 .

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

4 – Fireside Chat at 5:00 PM for Jen Sherbinski at Tally Decato's home, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris.

11 – Liz Knox and Chris Weston

18 – Ron Morse and Miranda Ward

25 – Becky Kaurup and Marianne Todd

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Steve Wight from Bethel were our visiting Rotarians. Phyllis Summers was the guest of AG Chris Summers.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Allen told us once again how much he enjoys the FB page “Being Rotarian” and all of the posts to it from Rotarians around the world. He said there are posts from clubs that are 100% women and 100% men. They do exist in Rotary!

Proposed Member:

Jen Sherbinski has been proposed as a member by Tina Fox. Jen is a science teacher at OHCHS and has been helping Tina with the Interact Club. Her classification would be Education – Science. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President Pat – the Lobster & Steak Fest was fantastic. Everything went well and clean-up went quickly. We grossed slightly more than budgeted but final figures not available yet. Thanks to everyone who participated.

There are still a few members that have not paid their dues so please pay up!

Liz Knox – the Riverside Cemetery project is set to go. Liz heard back from Dana Chandler. His group that is doing this wants to do it on Thursday, September 5th or Thursday, September 19th. Since it would be difficult for most of us to participate on a Thursday, Liz has set our work day for Saturday, September 21st. There will still be plenty to do.

Steve Wight – The International committee is setting up a cultural exchange to Central America next spring and is looking for 5-6 Rotarians to make the trip. This is a great opportunity to see Rotary in action. Applications will be coming out soon, so if you are interested, contact Steve.

AG Chris S. – the Special Olympics dance committee met and after some discussion, set the date for next year’s dance, Saturday, March 14, 2020. With more publicity and an earlier date, the committee hopes that this will turn the results around.

Last Week:

President Pat led us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Test and the Rotary prayer. Dan Allen led us in singing “America, the Beautiful.”

Our guest speaker was Steve Heinz from Trout Unlimited. Steve told us the history of dams all over the State of Maine but in particular, concentrated on the Androscoggin River Watershed. Prior to the dams built in the 1840’s and 1850’s, Atlantic salmon ran all the way to Rumford. The Clean Water Act cleared a lot of the rivers but the dams still prevented fish runs. Where some dams have been taken out, fish have returned. The Town of Oxford has said it will no longer maintain the Welchville dam which is in need of

repair or replacement, and replacement would actually be cheaper, but a decision has yet to be made. Steve's talk was very informative and well presented.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊:

Frank & Connie – happy to be here for July and August but are heading back to Florida on Saturday so as to be home by Labor Day.

Steve Wight – was happy to be with us this morning.

Dave – something about trading Frank for Becky? (Guess I missed something).

Stan – just got a message from Ann Marie that the baby is coming.

50/50: Lois drew George's number but George did not find the yellow ball. There was \$307 in the pot.

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

August Wedding Anniversaries – None Found

August Membership Anniversaries – None Found

Thought for the Week:

“Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.”

**~ Aldous Huxley ~
1894 – 1963**

Remember the 4-Way Test:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and 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, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

