

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 258th day of 2016. There are 108 days remaining in the year. The American Legion Post is program chair this morning. Their guest speaker is Debra Couture, Americanism Officer from the Dept. of Maine American Legion. Dan Hart 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 207-743-6129 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.

9/15 – 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. We will have an evening meeting at Paris Hill Country Club.

9/28 – Mary Lou Burns and John Griffith. Mary Lou's guest speaker will be Pat Carson from OHCHS who will be talking about the Roberts Farm Project.

10/5 – Pat Cook and Susan Graves

10/12 – Tally Decato and Beth Garza

10/19 – Beth Garza and Tally Decato

10/26 – Susan Graves and Pat Cook

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Our only visiting Rotarian was Dennis King from Washington TWP, NJ, visiting for the last time this year. Phyllis Summers was the guest of PP Chris Summers. I believe this was also Phyllis's last visit for the summer.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Glenn Huntley told us some exciting news about his employer, Ripley & Fletcher Ford that should bode well for us in our future endeavors.

Heard thereabouts: Pat Cook said she misses Frank Shorey already as did someone else at her table who wished to remain anonymous. Curtis Cole said he was attracted to shiny objects. Depending on how you read that sentence, you can infer that he was either talking about Frank or himself.

We were all very pleased to see Ed Lyons last week. It was good to see him home from the hospital and out and about.

Announcements:



President Joel – We need one more volunteer for the Progress Center Community Dinner on September 15th. (I believe someone volunteered but I do not have it in my notes).

Our meeting on September 21 will be an evening meeting at the Paris Hill Country Club. Our guest will be District Governor Marge Barker. The cost will be \$20 for an individual or \$35 for a couple. Guests / prospective members will be free. We will have pasta and other salads. Beer and wine will be available. The meeting starts at 5:30PM. In order to get a definite headcount, you must purchase your tickets in advance.

Joel passed around a note from the Walking School Bus, thanking us for our donation to its continued success.

Curtis gave Treasurer Pat Cook \$150.00 toward our auction proceeds for a chair that he donated and Paul sold.

Last Week: Program Chair Rachel Brown introduced our guest speakers from the Maine Veteran's Home in South Paris – Pat Paar, Activities Supervisor and Leon Burgess, resident. Pat told us that she started with the Veteran's Home 20 years ago, working with Joe Cooney, who happened to be Rachel's grandfather. Pat said that she never envisioned doing what she has been doing all this time, but is glad she took the position and really loves working with the vets. She said she misses Joe and she is trying to get the word out to younger vets that the older vets still need help. The VH will have a booth at the Oxford County Fair with a raffle for a meat package and snow blower. Proceeds will go to Veteran's activities. Pat would love to see more volunteers come in to the home and help with outings or to play cribbage. There is always something to help out with. Contact Pat if you are interested because there is a procedure to go through in order to volunteer.

 **Happy Dollars**  - **Dan** was happy that in addition to his new position as a choir director for a group of singers in Bridgton, he is also working with Dennis Boyd on Christmas for Teens. **Dennis King** said that this was his last meeting of the season and he thanked us for welcoming him again this year. **Lynne** was sad that the Buick died but was happy that her granddaughter went rafting and loved it. **Bob** said that Amelia's mother was nervous about her going rafting but Bob pointed out the raft with a mother and 7 children in it, and the youngest was just 1 year old. **Lois** was sad because we miss Frank. She said she was looking forward to her anniversary on the 20th and our meeting on the 21st because it means she won't have to cook for 2 days.

50/50 – **Curtis drew Bob's number but Bob didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$306 in the pot which rolls over once again.**

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.

Thought for the week:

“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”

~Wayne Dyer~

**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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