

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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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."

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### 2017-2018 Officers:

Rotary International President: Ian Risely - District 7780 Governor: David Underhill – Oxford Hills Rotary President: Chris Weston – Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-pres.: Pat Cook – Treas.: Louise Campbell – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Joel Speakman – 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 PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

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**Welcome to our evening social meeting!** Today is the 263rd day of 2017. There are 102 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Norway town manager, Dennis Lajoie. Our greeter is Susan Graves.

**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](mailto: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.

**9/21 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**9/27 – Visioning meeting and Tina Fox**

**10/2 – October Board Meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM**

**10/4 – Club Assembly and Louise Campbell**

**10/11 – Glenn Huntley and Tally Decato**

**10/18 – Dan Hart and Pat Cook**

**10/19 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**10/25 – Ron Morse and Curtis Cole**

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** We had one visiting Rotarian, Frank "the Best" Shorey from Murdock Rotary in Port Charlotte, Florida, and we had one guest, for the last time this year, Phyllis Summers, a/k/a "Mom", who was the guest of AG Chris Summers.

### Announcements:

**President Chris** – thanked us for our support of the food baskets. Please keep bringing in non-perishable foods.

There is now a notebook available for us to put in our extra "Rotary" hours. It is arranged alphabetically so please remember to put in any of your extra time each week.

We are passing the basket around for Texas Hurricane Relief again this week. We raised over \$400 last week and whatever we raise in total from the two weeks, the Club has agreed to match up to \$1000.

With the resignation of Rachel Brown, Chris has asked Louise Firth-Campbell to take over as club treasurer and she has agreed. Chris asked for a motion from the club and Bob Schott did so, with Val Weston seconding. There being no additional discussion, club members voted to approve Louise as treasurer.

Ron Morse – we will be selling cheese wheels again this year. We will pay the same price, \$11.58 per. There was some discussion about raising the price to \$19 or an even \$20, but members felt that was a little high. In the end, it was decided to keep our price the same at \$18.

Ron and Laura Morse, George and Louise Campbell and another neighbor of theirs, Roy Ulrickson, (hope I caught that right), took some Veterans from the Maine Veterans Home on a two hour ride around Norway Lake on their pontoon boats. The Veterans had a great time and really appreciated it.

### Last week:

In the absence of our scheduled guest speaker, AG Chris Summers gave a brief classification talk. Chris started out in law enforcement as a carryover from his time in the service, serving and continuing to serve when he entered the electrical business part time in 1994. He received his Master electrical license in 2001 and started Chris' Electric in 2003 at which point he went full time as an electrician.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - AG Chris was happy that his mother, Phyllis, was able to stay with him a little longer this year but said because she was leaving. He also had a happy dollar for Frank "The Best" Shorey because he will be back with us next year even though he and Connie are selling their home in South Paris. Lois was happy that she was able to spend 4 days in California between the last two Rotary meetings. Her original flight home was cancelled but she was happy to get an upgrade on a flight that got her home an hour earlier. Bob had a happy dollar for past member, Linda Earle, who had knee replacement surgery and was doing well. Glenn had a happy dollar for his home in Florida coming through Irma without any damage and a thank you dollar for the club member's support of the Norway-Paris Fish & Game's gun raffle.

50/50! - Because we used the last of our tickets last week, we did not have a drawing. Stan said he would hand out two tickets on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

September Membership Anniversaries: Mary Lou Burns – 26 yrs. – 9/4; Beth Abbott – 15 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 25 yrs. – 9/23

## Did you know: Uncle Sam Day

Although this is a week late, September 13 is designated as Uncle Sam Day. One of America's most recognized symbols, Uncle Sam, is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, NY, who supplied barrels of beef stamped "U.S." to the Army during the War of 1812. Soldiers referred to it as "Uncle Sam". The moniker spread and eventually caught on. In 1961, the U.S. Congress issued a resolution recognizing "Uncle Sam" Wilson, and authorizing a monument in his home town. Congress made Uncle Sam Day official in 1989.

## 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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