

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: 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

Welcome to our evening social meeting! Today is the 270th day of 2017. There are 95 days remaining in the year. This morning's meeting is a Visioning update. Tina Fox 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.

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

10/15 – Road Toll on Fair Street by OHCHS. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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

10/30 – November Board Meeting at Joel's office, 5:30 PM

11/1 – Club Assembly and George Campbell

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: For the last time this year, our good friend, Frank Shorey, was our visiting Rotarian and he brought along his guest, wife Connie. We hope you both have a great winter in Florida.

Rotary Moment: Susan forgot that she was greeter, but she did have a brief Rotary moment, reminding us that as of July, there were only 8 reported cases of polio in the world. Progress, people, progress.

Announcements:

President Chris – don't forget that there will be a board meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 5:30 PM at Joel's office in South Paris.

Don't forget to put your extra hours for the week in the notebook. If you have not given Chris your time for July and August, please do so.

Frank Shorey – declared that henceforth, Ron Morse will be known as "Raymond"; Dave Preble will be known as "DJ Kitty" and Louise Campbell has a large collection of Rays stickers.

AG Chris Summers – there was a Membership committee meeting at X-Vault last Thursday night. I'm sure we will have an update this morning.

Bob Schott – the Interact and Exchange students will be leaving at 6:00 AM Friday morning (last Friday) for the Common Ground Fair where there are some volunteer duties ready for them to participate in. After lunch, they will head up to Moxie Gore for some rafting and hiking, before returning on Sunday afternoon.

Stan Brett – we made \$650 in tent rentals the weekend of the 16th-17th. We have a tent to set at Hannaford on Friday evening for their employee appreciation day on Saturday, the 23rd.

Last week:

Program Chair John Griffith introduced his guest speaker, Norway Town Manager, Dennis Lajoie. In the past, John has had former town manager, Dave Holt, as his guest speaker. With Dave's retirement, John thought this would be a great time to have Dennis come and give his take on his first few months as the new manager. Dennis is from Providence, RI. After finishing school, he spent some time as a Military Police officer in Washington, DC. Looking for a better quality of life, he moved to Maine and became a police officer for a time in South Paris. He went to work for Community Concepts in 1982 where he worked in various positions. He later became their Affordable Housing Manager and ultimately became the manager of Community Concepts Financing Corporation, a position he held from 1990-2017. At age 56, he felt it was time for a change, so he decided to see if his skills could be transferred to a different field, and so applied for the Norway town manager's position. So far, so good. He spent some time with Dave Holt learning the ropes and after a few months on the job, is enjoying it very much. He said his door is always open, so please feel free to stop in with any comments, questions or suggestions.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Lois had a happy dollar for her and Herb's anniversary and was thankful for the 47 yrs and 11 months they had together. Frank had a happy dollar for Connie coming to the meeting this morning and for her putting up with him for 53 years. He also talked about the highlights of his time as a member of OH Rotary – becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, the morning he became president, his year as president, the Student of the Month program and hosting foreign exchange students. There was also something about pies..... AG Chris had a happy dollar for his mom and her annual visit but said he is happy she is gone so he can find his stuff now. He also had a happy dollar for the trip he and his mother took with Paul and Dawne Thornfeldt. Paul had a happy dollar for his mother-in-law who is now safely back in British Columbia. Dan was happy for Frank and Connie and their 53 years together, but also had a condolence dollar for Connie for their 53 years together. Glenn announced that he had some apples available. If you would like some, see Glenn in the parking lot after the meeting. Lynne was happy for her trip to the Gray Animal Farm with her granddaughter.

50/50! – Frank drew AG Chris’s number but Chris didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$25 in the pot.

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

Thought for the week:

“I studied, I met with medical doctors, scientists and I’m here to tell you that the way to a more productive, more inspired, more joyful life, is getting enough sleep.”

~ Arianna Huffington ~

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.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

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