

# 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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## 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.: Rachel Brown – 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 249th day of 2017. There are 116 days remaining in the year. It is time for our monthly club assembly once again. Our greeter is Dan Hart.

**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.

9/13 – Susan Graves and John Griffith

9/20 – John Griffith and Susan Graves

9/21 – Progress Center Community Dinner – 2 volunteers needed

9/27 – Dan Hart and Tina Fox

10/4 – Club Assembly and Louise Campbell

10/11 – Glenn Huntley and Tally Decato

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** As I was not able to attend last week, I am not aware of any guests. If there were, I will publish them in the next Reader.

## Announcements:

**President Chris –** remember that there is a board meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, at Joel Speakman's office in South Paris.

Everyone received the following e-mail from DG Dave Underhill concerning Rotary relief efforts in Texas:

Dear Fellow Rotarians in District 7780,

Since my latest message to our Club Presidents and my update in yesterday's district newsletter, The Rotary Foundation has established a single fund to support Rotarians in their relief efforts for the devastation left by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and other parts of the Gulf Coast.

It's called the Gulf Coast Disaster Relief donor advised fund (DAF).

This DAF has been established by Past RI Director Greg Podd and President-Elect Barry Rassin in consultation with the District Governors of the Gulf region, through The Rotary Foundation. The fund is collecting relief contributions; Don and Greg are working with leaders from the affected districts to create a process for disbursing DAF funds to their respective district foundations or local 501c3 organizations to support local relief efforts.

I've just made an online donation to this DAF - it's easy to do. Will you please consider joining me?

Updated information about contributing to the Gulf Coast DAF is available on the [Rotary website](#). Club Presidents in particular, save this link: this page will continue to be updated as needed. You can send a check, or you can make a credit card donation from a link on this web page: just specify that it is for the "Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund" account #608.

Other ways to help:

[ShelterBox](#), Rotary's partner for disaster relief, is providing tents for use as 'privacy tents' to be pitched within the convention centers housing families that have been evacuated.

Clubs may contact me at any time, and you can reach out to RI about specific initiatives by writing to [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org).

Thank you for caring and Making a Difference. Have a peaceful Labor Day weekend.  
Dave Underhill, Portsmouth Rotary Club, District 7780 Governor (2017-2018)  
[dave.underhill.nh@gmail.com](mailto:dave.underhill.nh@gmail.com)

### **Reminders from last week's Reader:**

**Louise** – We have a quarterly Visioning report coming up on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Groups should have met to discuss plans.

**AG Chris** – DG Dave Underhill has asked us to keep track of the time we spend on Rotary besides our weekly meetings. Stan will keep track when we sign in each week and will report same to President Chris.

### **Last week:**

We had our 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month evening social meeting at Norway Country Club. President Chris reports that there were 34 people in attendance and that a great time was had by all.

**😊 Happy Dollars 😊** - There were no happy dollars.

**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

## Fun Fact

M&Ms, the candy with the chocolate center that won't melt in your hand, got its name from the last names of its founders. Forrest Mars Sr., of the Mars candy company, struck a deal with Bruce Murrie, son of Hershey president William Murrie, to develop the hard shelled chocolate candy in 1941.

## 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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