

# 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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 251st day of 2016. There are 115 days remaining in the year. Rachel Brown is program chair this morning and Glenn Huntley is 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](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.

**9/10 – Lobster & Steak Fest for the Veterans Home in South Paris.**

**9/14 – American Legion and Dan Hart.** Our guest speaker will be Debra Couture, Americanism Officer from the Dept. of Maine American Legion

**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.

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** Once again, Frank Shorey was our only visiting Rotarian. Phyllis Summers was the guest of PP Chris Summers.

## Announcements:

**President Joel –** Just had a couple of reminders. We still need a couple of people to work the Progress Center Community Dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out, please let Patty Rice know. Also, there is a District Visioning and Strategic Planning meeting coming up, also on September 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Portland area. If you would like to attend, please speak to Joel.

**Linda Jack –** announced that Ed Lyons has taken ill and was rushed to the hospital last week. He is not doing well so your thoughts and prayers would be appreciated.

**Patty Rice –** because the Veteran's Home was not able to bring their residents to the Lobster & Steak Fest last month, we will be doing a Lobster & Steak Fest especially for them on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Since it will be a "mini" event, we will only need 4-5 people to help out. If you are available that day and can help out, please speak to Patty or George.

**Rotary 4 Way Test Coins** – at the suggestion of Bob Schott, we have purchased a supply of coins with key rings. So rather than carry one around loose wherever you carry it, you can attach your keys to one. They are more expensive than the regular coins so are available to members for \$3.00. If you would like one, please see John.

**At the Rice's** – a group of us got together at George and Patty's after the Lobster & Steak Fest to discuss the event and we came up with the following items which I thought I would share:

1. We need something better for corn storage after husking – suggested that we buy more totes just for corn.
2. Use the large wedding tent instead of the two blue & gold tents.
3. We ordered 50 dozen corn; had a lot left over so should cut back to 45 dozen.
4. Still need to plan an event for the Veteran's home since they could not participate on the 20<sup>th</sup>. (now set for Sept. 10)
5. Suggested that we make the lobster tickets red and the steak tickets blue – sometimes people are confused by blue lobster tickets.
6. Decided that 3-6 works better than 4-7, or perhaps we should just cut back to 4-6 as some people felt 3 was too early. Closing down at 6 allowed us to finish clean-up in daylight and an hour earlier (obviously) than in the past. Didn't seem like such a long day.
7. Need to make sure posters and publicity have the right time.
8. We need some new coolers. The ones we use are getting pretty beat up.
9. Definitely need to put out a thank-you advertisement to vendors – Dead River, Josh Tice, Casino, Smedbergs, etc. (has been done)
10. Everyone was pleased with the % of Rotarians participating. Highest ever.
11. We should have some fire extinguishers and first aid kits specifically for burns. Beth will talk with Fred Curtis.

**If there are any other thoughts or suggestions, please let them be known!**

**Last Week:** As this was past member and now guest Frank Shorey's last meeting before he heads to Florida, a couple of us presented him with his going away gifts, something that Frank has been talking about for the last few weeks. Lois Strauss presented him with a glass jar full of Oxford Hills dirt, something he can longingly look at whenever he feels homesick. Secretary John Griffith went shopping at the pre-eminent department store in Oxford and presented Frank with 33 gifts, one for each member of the club – among the items, a beautiful flowered fly swatter, ant and roach killer, foot powder, party mix, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, a candle, a box of kleenex and many other useful and great items. Frank, just don't expect such wonderful gifts every time you leave us.

**Trish Logan** presented a power point program on how we can improve our usage of social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the rest. Currently, we have only used the tip of the iceberg with our Facebook page. Trish's talk was very interesting and showed us how much we have to gain by using social media to get the word out about Rotary in general and Oxford Hills Rotary in particular.

**After our meeting,** the board meet to discuss a proposal to purchase 25 of the blue Rotarian at Work t-shirts to have on hand. That way, new members can purchase a shirt right away and those members who need new shirts or want an extra one can purchase one without having to wait until we have the minimum order of 25 to have them made up. These will be available at cost. We will continue to provide new members with one of the polo shirts at no charge.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Dan** was happy to be a choir director again as he was asked to direct a group in Bridgton. **Frank** thanked us for his going away gifts but told us he had just received a text from his club in Florida telling us that we can keep him. I wonder why? He was also happy that Connie is undergoing a new treatment for her cancer that does not involve chemo and as a result, she feels much better. **Curtis** had a happy dollar for the

problem with his ATM card this morning how strange things happen sometimes when we don't expect them. **Lois** had a happy dollar for Trish's presentation and for her grandson, Grant, who starts school today. **Lynne** now feels officially retired. **Paul** had a happy \$5 – Dawne left this morning for Vancouver to visit her mother and family. She will get to see her new grand-niece and grand-nephew for the first time. She is putting on a surprise 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for her mother while she is there. Paul also said he is looking for a cook for the next three weeks. **John** was happy that his son's wedding on the 28<sup>th</sup> went well. **Chris S.** had a thank you dollar for Trish's presentation and for showing how to "tag" everyone.

**50/50 – Beth Garza drew Lois's number but Lois drew the Jack of Clubs so did not win the pot which is up to \$294.00.**

**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](http://Companycasuals.com/thisisrotary).**

**Thought for the week:**

**"Chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken."**

**~Warren Buffet~**

**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, 2:30 PM, Room A200, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School

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