

# Rotary



## 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: Barry Rassin - District 7780 Governor: John LoBosco – Oxford Hills Rotary President: George Rice – Pres. Elect: Pat Cook – Vice-pres.: Lynne Schott – Treas.: Patty Rice – Sec.: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Chris Weston – 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 President and PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 269th day of 2018. There are 96 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having our Quarterly Visioning meeting. Our greeter is Dan Allen.

**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 207-461-7158 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.

**9/27 – VISION TO PLAN WORKSHOP, South Portland Housing Authority, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**10/1 – BOARD MEETING AT DEERING MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER, South Paris, 5:30 PM.**

**10/3 – John Griffith and Val Weston**

**10/9 – We will be presenting the scouts with their campership for helping out at the Auction, 6:30 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church.**

**10/10 – Club Assembly and Chris Weston**

**10/17 – Dan Hart and Miranda Ward**

**10/18 – PROGRESS CENTER COMMUNITY DINNER, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.**

**10/24 – Glenn Huntley and Miranda Ward**

**Visiting Rotarians and quests:** Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Warren Spencer from South Berwick-Eliot were our visiting Rotarians. Abbey Earle was the guest of AG Chris Summers.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Curtis Cole gave us a brief run down on the growth of Rotary through the years and a history of how our region came about. Rotary began in Chicago in 1905. The Lewiston-Auburn Club was chartered in 1917. They sponsored the Rumford Club (now Mountain Valley) in 1924.

Rumford sponsored the Bethel Club in 1974. Bethel sponsored Oxford Hills in 1983 and Oxford Hills sponsored Bridgton in 1990 and lastly, Bridgton sponsored Fryeburg in 1995.

### *Club Assembly and Announcements:*

*President George* – An update on long time member Mary Lou Burns – she is now at Maine Medical Center for some corrective surgery. Patty circulated a card for us to sign and wish her well.

We received a thank-you note from DG John LoBosco for our hospitality during his visit with us last month.

Bruce Cook is home from the hospital but is not recovering as well as he and Pat hoped. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We received an invitation from the Norway Universalist Church to attend the open house for their newly remodeled concert hall.

George remembered to bring the notebook for us to put in our volunteer hours this week so please update your times spent before you forget it.

### *Last Week:*

President George called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “God Bless our Rotary” and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.



Program Chair Tina Fox updated us on Interact before presenting her program. The Interactors have been meeting for a couple of weeks now. They volunteered at the Common Ground Fair last Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, went rafting on Saturday and hiking on Sunday with the Schotts. Unfortunately, the school scheduled Homecoming Weekend for the same time so all of the seniors who planned to go for the weekend decided to go to Homecoming instead. So there were only 6 students and 2 adults going.

Work is progressing on the Interact District Conference we are hosting next March. The former Air Force One pilot Tina was hoping would be a keynote speaker has said that he will definitely be able to come. Tina is also trying to get Ann Lee Hussey to come and talk about polio and Daddio’s has agreed to donate the proceeds of one of their community dinners to help defray the cost of the conference.

Tina said there are a lot of kids excited about getting involved with Interact this year. Things just have to settle down a bit at school so everyone knows what’s what.

As we entered this morning, Tina handed out a single penny to each of us, which she called “A Penny for your Thoughts” with the instruction that each of us had to think of a personal, national or world event that occurred during the year our penny was dated. It was a very interesting way to learn more about one another. Some of the things that were mentioned – President George told us how he became known as George rather than Wayne, as he preferred. John’s penny was dated 1969 which he remembered as the year of the first moon landing. Other pennies represented birth years, graduation

years, wedding years, military service years and a host of other things. It was a very fun meeting and a great way for us to get to know each other in ways we might not have thought about otherwise.

 **Happy Dollars**  – **Patty** – was happy to say that she was able to present the Progress Center with their check from the Special Olympics this past week. **Lois** was still happy for her new car and was surprised to sell “Sally” Saab so quickly. **Liz** was happy for her visit with her son in North Carolina but was happy to be back in Maine. You picked a great week, Liz, what with Hurricane Florence on the loose. **Curtis** was happy to have his truck back after 2 ½ months waiting for it to be repaired. On the other hand, parts and labor only cost him \$81.

**50/50** – Dave drew Tonya’s number but Tonya drew the 6 of Hearts. Stan didn’t say how much was in the pot, but it must have been close to \$250.

**September Birthdays** – Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) – 9/24; Chris Twitchell – 9/24; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26.

**September Anniversaries** – Stan & Anne Marie Brett 9/26; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

**September Membership Anniversaries** – Mary Lou Burns – 27 years - 9/4; Becky Kaurup – 1 year - 9/6; Beth Abbott – 16 years - 9/11; Patty Rice - 26 years - 9/23.

### **September is Education and Literacy Month:**

“Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don’t.”

~ Pete Seeger ~

### **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