

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.: 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

Welcome! Today is the 228th day of 2017. There are 137 days remaining in the year. This morning is our Lobster & Steak Fest prep meeting. Our greeter is Dave Preble.

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.

8/17 – Progress Center Community Dinner, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We need two people to help out.

8/19 – LOBSTER & STEAK FEST, OHCHS, 3:00PM-6:00PM

8//23 – Tina Fox and Ron Morse

8/30 – Evening social meeting and Glenn Huntley

9/5 – Board meeting at Joel Speakman's Office in South Paris, 5:30PM

9/6 – Club Assembly and Dan Hart

9/13 – Susan Graves and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Visiting Rotarians were Warren Spencer from South Berwick-Eliot, Peter and Becky Kaurup from Crescent City, Florida and "Lost 2 zip" from Port Charlotte, Florida. Phyllis Summers was the guest of Chris Summers.

Rotary Moment: George Rice was unable to be with us but he gave substitute Greeter Beth Abbott information to share with us. RI has announced that Barry Rassin from East Nassau, Bahamas, has been named to succeed President-elect Sam Owori for the 2018-2019 Rotary year after Sam passed away suddenly in July. Rassin will become president-elect on September 1 if no other nominations are received.

Proposed Member – Becky Kaurup from Crescent City, FL, has been proposed as a member by AG Chris Summers. Becky and her husband, Peter, will be moving to their home on Norway Lake later this

year. If you have any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President Chris – presented Lois Strauss with her Paul Harris + 3 pin and certificate. Congratulations Lois! Thank you for your support of the Rotary Foundation.

Last week:

We had our second assembly of this year.

Secretary John Griffith – for the last several weeks, our weekly attendance has settled at about 75% of the membership. With the new Rotary year, we have lost 4 members – Deb Harris, Kim Preble, Trish Logan and Jack Sours. Kim has transferred back to the Auburn Rotary and Deb indicated to me that she will be joining the Bangor Rotary. Beth Garza has also indicated that she will not be continuing her membership due to family commitments. However, President Chris has asked John to speak to Norway Savings Bank president, Pat Weigel, to see if the bank would be interested in a corporate membership which would allow Beth or any NSB employee to attend and participate in our meetings and events, similar to the Oxford Legion.

Vice-president Pat Cook – the Dictionary Project is coming up in a couple of months. Secretary John Griffith has agreed to take this over for Mary Lou Burns. There is not much to be done until school starts and we know how many 3rd grade students there are.

Pat also asked Ron Morse if we would be doing the cheese sale again this fall and he replied in the affirmative. We are also looking expand and perhaps get other clubs in our area to join in the sale with us and we would be pay them a “commission” to do so.

Sgt. At Arms Stan Brett – we have tents to set for the Norway Food Festival on (now last) Saturday. Meet at Longley Square in Norway around 4:00 PM on Friday. We will also be setting tents for the Lobster & Steak Fest after today’s meeting.

Interact Advisor Tina Fox – looking to possibly change Interact meeting day to Wednesday instead of Thursday. Where Wednesday is a half day at school, meeting that day would give the kids more time to work on projects.

Miranda Ward – the quilt at the front of the room is up for raffle. It has been donated by Beth’s and Patty’s mother in memory of her husband and their father. Proceeds will go to the Veteran’s Home for an as yet unnamed project that Beth would like us to be involved in. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased on line. The drawing will be held on Veteran’s Day, November 11th. Also, please like and share on this Facebook.

Dave Preble – if you have any Lobster & Steak tickets, please turn them in. We have received a \$2500 donation from the Oxford Casino again this year which will be divided among area nursing homes and the Veteran’s home. We have to get our order in next Wednesday (now today) so please get out and sell your tickets so we can have an accurate count for ordering.

After the assembly, Louise Firth-Campbell gave her classification talk. Louise told us that she was a business major in college. She first worked for an insurance company in Connecticut and due to her work there, began a 30 year career at R.C. Little in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At Little, she worked on economic impact statements, in particular, the paper industry. At the time, the big question for the industry was “Are electronics going to eliminate the paper industry?” Of course, electronics has had an impact as ad revenue began to shift to electronic means in the 1980’s and has continued since. Louise’s talk was very interesting and she told us much more than I have room for here.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - **Dan A.** had a happy to be back dollar after an absence of 3 weeks. **John** had a sad dollar for having to turn the heat on in the car on the way to Rotary this morning. He asked Frank if he and Connie would adopt him and take him to Florida with them but..... **Chris S.** was happy to have his mother, Phyllis, with him again for her annual visit. **Miranda** and her husband took the kids on a family outing to Vermont and they did quite well. However, Miranda had a sad dollar for the motel they stayed in which she said was not nice. **Tina** is happy and excited about school starting soon but sad that school is starting so soon. **Dave** was happy that he and Becky are heading to Massachusetts for their grandson's birthday and to play with the remote control fishing boat they got him. **Lois** liked the "groaner" John put in the Reader. **Glenn** had a happy dollar for the maiden voyage of his travel you trailer as he and Sharon are spending the weekend in the Northern Maine woods. Glenn is also selling a friend's motorcycle for him - a 30 year old Honda Goldwing with low miles for \$2500. See Glenn if you are interested or know someone who might be.

50/50 – for the second week in a row, Stan asked Glenn to draw the winning ticket. This week, he drew Peter Kaurup's number but unfortunately, Peter did not draw the King of Clubs. One of these weeks.....

August Birthdays – Lois Strauss – 8/8; Mary Lou Burns – 8/11; Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries – None listed

August Membership Anniversaries: American Legion Oxford Post 112 – 2 yrs. – 8/26

Question of the week?

Why do we put round pizza in a square box and eat it in triangles?

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.org

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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