

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: Lynne Schott – Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice and AG Chris Summers

Welcome! Today is the 214th day of 2017. There are 151 days remaining in the year. Our speaker this morning is District Governor, Dave Underhill. Patty Rice 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.

8/9 – Club Assembly and George Rice

8/16 – Lobster Prep Meeting and Dave Preble

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

9/6 – Club Assembly and Dan Hart

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had one visiting Rotarian, PDG Bill Castle from the Zephyrhills Daybreak club in Zephyrhills, Florida. Daphne Hill was the guest of PDG Bill Castle, Susan Brown was the guest of AG Chris Summer and past member Perry Palmer and his daughter, Jen were our other guests.

Rotary Moment: Greeter Lynne Schott talked about in bound and out bound Exchange Students and the fact that RI has introduced a new program for registering students that should make the whole process much easier than it has been in the past.

Announcements:

President Chris – Don't forget that the District Governor is coming to next week's meeting (now this week). There will be a gathering / social / dinner with him on Tuesday evening, August 1, at Maurice's Restaurant at 5:00 PM. (This is a change from last week when it was announced for Norway Country Club).

Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items for the baskets up by the head table. Once filled, we will donate them to a local food pantry.

George Rice – Passed around a Lobster and Steak Fest sign-up sheet, only two more meetings to go before the big day. We need everyone to take part and don't forget to sell your tickets. If you need more, please contact George. Posters are available and everyone was e-mailed a copy of the letter to give to businesses that require a written request.

Last week:

Program Chair Louise Firth-Campbell introduced our guest speaker, Kennebunk Rotarian and Chief of the Kennebunk Police Department, Bob MacKenzie. Bob has seen firsthand what the current opioid crisis is doing in our towns and cities across Maine and the US. Bob feels that substance abuse is not the right term; he calls it the substance misuse heroin epidemic. There were 378 deaths in Maine in 2016 from opioid misuse which was an increase of 29% over 2015. Substance misuse costs \$400B annually in the US and leads to higher taxes, more court costs, paying salaries of judges, attorneys, jail officers, police and increased insurance premiums for everyone who drives or owns a home. Due to misuse of needles and other drug paraphernalia, there have significant increases the number of people contracting Hepatitis C. Bob has agreed to head up the District 7780 Recovery Initiative. The goals of the Initiative to destigmatize drug misuse, to provide mentoring and counseling and to give recovering addicts more than they can get through incarceration.

😊 Happy Dollars 😊 - Lynne had a happy dollar for her 3 year old granddaughter, Amelia, who went to her first Sea Dog ball game. George was happy to see PDG Bill Castle who was DG the same year George was, and also to say Bill is the only Rotarian he knows with 46 years of perfect attendance. Tally had a happy to be back and feeling better dollar. Kim had a sad dollar for a family friend who recently passed away from early on-set Alzheimer's at 55. Lois was happy that she was able to attend the Maine State Music Theater in Brunswick where she sold 2 lobster tickets.

50/50 – Val drew Rachel's number but Rachel drew the 8 of clubs. There was \$445.00 in the pot.

In closing the meeting, President Chris recognized Perry Palmer for his past service to the club and told him he was always welcome in our midst.

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

Thought for the Week:

“Some days, you just gotta dance.”

~ Garfield ~

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 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.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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