

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 235th day of 2017. There are 130 days remaining in the year. Tina Fox is program chair and Ron Morse 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

8/30 – Evening social meeting at Norway Country Club 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

9/15 – Progress Center Community Dinner – we need two people to help out.

9/20 – John Griffith and Susan Graves

9/27 – Dan Hart and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Visiting Rotarians were Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey and Frank Shorey from Murdock, Florida. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment: We didn't have a Rotary moment because our greeter, Dave Preble, didn't remember that he was the greeter.

Announcements:

President Chris –Don't forget that our meeting on Wednesday, August 30, will be an evening meeting at Norway Country Club. The cost of the meeting which includes a full dinner is \$22. A sign-up sheet was circulated and will be again this week.

Chris also lead a discussion on keeping track of the time we spend as Rotarians other than attending regular meetings – such has tents, the Auction, the Lobster & Steak Fest, board meetings and anything

else we do for Rotary. The final decision was for us to keep our own individual totals and let Stan know every week when we come in. He will keep track and pass the info on to President Chris.

Chris read a note from DG Dave Underhill concerning World Polio Day:

“Give to Polio Plus between July 1st and September 30th and you’ll be entered into a drawing – you could be Sleepless in Seattle to commemorate World Polio Day!”

“Perhaps you have watched Rotary’s World Polio Day Live Streaming Event on your computer during the last couple of years. It has been a terrific way to learn more about the status of our signature campaign to End Polio Now. Two years ago, it originated from New York City and last year from the US Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. This year, World Polio Day will be held in Seattle in recognition of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.”

“A generous District 7780 Rotarian has donated airfare and a hotel room for one of us to travel to Seattle for World Polio Day on October 24th. This is a chance to be in the audience and see “up close and personal” what major players in the field have to say. We don’t promise that you will be able to meet Bill Gates, but just maybe!”

All you have to do to enter:

“Make a donation to Polio Plus of at least \$25.00 between July 1st and September 30, 2017. Each individual donor, regardless of the amount given, will be eligible for the drawing and the lucky winner will be heading west in October. Actually, the real lucky winners will be the children in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where we are on the brink of eliminating this disease forever!”

“If you make your donation on-line, which is very easy to do, it can be made any time right up to September 30. If you choose to do it by check, mail it by September 22 to be sure it will get to Evanston in time to be processed.”

“This is a unique and very fun way to encourage donations to help End Polio Now and we hope many of you will jump in and participate. And please note, it is “at least \$25” but there is no prohibitions on larger donations. Every donation is eligible for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s 2:1 match so your contribution is tripled.”

“Let’s keep up the effort and soon we will be celebrating Rotary’s tremendous achievement – the eradication of this dread disease.”

Last week:

President Chris led us in the pledge and reading the 4 Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “This Land is Your Land” and later, “Happy Birthday” to PP and AG Chris Summers who apparently is one year short of entering his next decade.

George Rice and Dave Preble headed a discussion on prepping for the Lobster & Steak Fest. As of the meeting, 309 lobster tickets and 54 steak tickets have been turned in which was very encouraging. We can still pre-sell tickets until close of business Friday. After that, the price will be the walk-in price of \$30. Dead River is donating their large grill and the propane for it which will be extremely helpful to us. There were many other things discussed so we should be in good shape for Saturday.

Peter and Becky Kaurup purchased 2 of their Lobster & Steak Fest ticket for themselves and then donated the remaining 8 tickets back to the club to go to younger veterans who would not be part of the Veteran’s Home contingent. I believe it was said that we are working through the American Legion to reach these veterans.

UPDATE: The annual Lobster & Steak Fest was a great success once again. Traffic was pretty steady from the time we opened at 3:00PM until we closed at 6:00PM. We had some concerns when the lobster and clam delivery was late, but we still had time to get the clams washed and bagged. There

were a few glitches with the serving line and timing but nothing serious. Just Us Two provided the entertainment for the fourth year and were very well received once again. We used the big white tent for seating and it worked well, although some thought it was warmer under it than under the smaller tents. It didn't rain and the morning clouds pretty much cleared by serving time. I don't have any figures but I believe I heard that we hit 400 dinners. It was a lot of work and many thanks to all who came out and helped.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Frank had happy and sad dollars – happy that his son Chris has sold his home and will now be able to purchase Frank's and Connie's. Since Chris has a whole house full of furniture and Frank and Connie do, they will be donating some items to the Auction. Frank's sad dollar was for having to have back surgery on Monday, August 21, and therefore missing the Lobster & Steak Fest on Saturday. Dennis King had a happy dollar for being with us this morning and for being here to help out with the Lobster Fest. Lynne was happy for the good time the Fryeburg Rotary had rafting last weekend. She and Bob also had a great time in Bar Harbor. Bob was happy to have made up a meeting in Bar Harbor, for the beautiful view he had at the meeting and for meeting the District 7790 Governor who happened to be attending. Glenn was happy that his and Sharon's first camping trip went well enough that they are still married.

50/50 – Paul drew Ron's number but Ron drew the 10 of Spades. The number of cards is getting down there, so the odd's of winning the pot are getting better. There was \$484 in the pot.

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

Rear View Mirror

120 years ago - 1897:

New house - \$2,700

Average Annual income - \$400

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show playing in Brooklyn, NY - \$0.25 for children, \$0.50 for adults

New typewriter - \$25

Golf Cap - \$1

Men's dress shirt - \$1.50

Singer Sewing Machine - \$9

Boat Fare – NYC to Southampton, England - \$60

In November, William McKinley defeated William Jennings Bryan to become the 25th President of the United States. McKinley carried 23 of 45 states with a total of 7,000,000 votes.

The inaugural Boston Athletic Association road race took place on April 19, 1897 and featured 15 skilled distance runners. The 24.5 mile foot race was held as a conclusion to the B.A.A. games and the winning runner was John J. McDermott of New York with a time of 2:55:10.

After a few years of favorable publicity and patent applications, Ransom E. Olds, with an infusion of capital from many around the Lansing, Michigan area, incorporated the Olds Motor Works in August of 1897.

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

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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