

# 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: 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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 221st day of 2017. There are 144 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will be having a club assembly. George 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](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.

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

9/13 – Beth Garza and John Griffith

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** DG Dave Underhill from Portsmouth, NH, Frank Shorey, from Port Charlotte, FL, and Peter and Becky Kaurup from Crescent City, FL were our visiting Rotarians. First Lady Linda Underhill was the guest of DG Dave Underhill.

**Rotary Moment:** Greeter Patty Rice talked about the "Rotarian" magazine and all the great information in it so be sure to read it every month. The July issue has a great story on RI President Ian Risely. Then when you are finished with it, take it to your doctor's office, your bank, your place of business or any other place that has waiting rooms. Recycle it and spread the word! Patty also read a clipping from a 1992 article in the newspaper about the Bean Hole Bean Festival and that the club made just about \$10,000 from it.

**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 Glenn Huntley with a certificate for his 31 years of perfect attendance. Congratulations, Glenn!

President Chris also presented Kim Preble with a card and gift, and thanked her for her contributions to our club as she transfers back to the Auburn Rotary where she was a member prior to coming to Oxford Hills. Congratulations on your new job, Kim, and don't be a stranger! We will miss you!

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 – some Lobster & Steak Fest tickets have been passed in already. If anyone needs more tickets or posters, please get in touch with George. We have just two weeks to sell tickets. Advance sales are important because that is what we base our food order on, so don't forget to sell.

### Last week:

President Chris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. In the absence of Dan Allen, Lois Strauss led us in singing "America the Beautiful". Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

After the announcements, President Chris introduced DG Dave Underhill who gave a great talk on the "Pyramid of Peace" and the elements that bring it to life. The strength of Rotary is at the local club level. It's what we do every day in our communities that bring Rotary to life. The second thing is that Rotary is a "peace organization." We all work to improve the lives of those around us and stabilize our communities. The elements of the "Pyramid" are disease prevention, water quality, healthy moms and kids, literacy and community development. When all of these elements are in harmony, we have a peaceful community no matter where we are in the world. DG Dave then went on to talk about the Rotary Recovery Initiative that we heard about last week from Bob MacKenzie from the Kennebunk Rotary. We need to consider what we can do as a club to do a little piece of the Initiative and our working with the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative is a way to accomplish this goal.

Dave then went on to talk about 5 topics or goals for the coming Rotary year.

- 1) He asked the club to keep track of our accomplishments and the time we spend on each
- 2) Angst about membership – every club is dealing with this. Why do people not join Rotary? There are three major reasons (a) "don't have the time" which really means we don't see the value of serving, so we need to invite people to help us with projects so they see the value first hand. (b) it's too expensive and to a degree, that is true. The cost is up to each club, so keep that in mind when setting dues and so on. (c) people don't get asked – so ask.
- 3) Dave thanked us for our contributions to Rotary and asked us to keep up the good work. Our donations came to an average of \$162 per person last year.
- 4) Consider joining the Bequest society – leave something in your will to Rotary so that what you have done will continue in some small way.
- 5) Maine needs more trees! We will be getting one tree for each member to plant next spring.

After Dave's talk, President Chris presented him with a check for a \$100 donation to the Foundation in his name, two t-shirts and a guest speaker coffee mug. AG Chris then led us in singing our "Coffee Mug" song to Dave and Linda. I must say, Chris has an excellent singing voice that he has been hiding from us for all these years.

😊 **Happy Dollars** 😊 - Time was short, so we only had a couple of happy dollars. **Frank Shorey** was happy to find out that the District Governor was a closet Tampa Bay Rays fan. **Kim** had a thank you dollar for the card and gifts, and a happy dollar for continuing her Rotary career in Auburn.

**50/50 – Glenn drew George Rice’s number but it wasn’t George’s lucky day, at least not at Rotary. There was \$459 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

### **A Groaner:**

If someone applied bleach to garments at record speed, would you say they are whitening fast?

### **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](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

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