



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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."

2022-2023 Officers:

Rotary International President: Jennifer Jones, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Windsor, Ontario, Canada - District 7780 Governor: Claudia Frost, Rotary Club of Brunswick – Oxford Hills Rotary President – George Rice – President-Elect: Beth Abbott – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers – Club Service Chair: Paul Thornfeldt – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Peter Kaurup - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Welcome! Today is the 292nd day of 2022. There are 73 days remaining in the year. We are having our Evening Social dinner meeting this week. Glenn Huntley is program chair and has invited Joe Galetta from Ripley & Fletcher Ford as his guest speaker. Warren Spencer is scheduled to be greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith Johnknow 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

October:

24 - Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office at 5:30 PM, moved up a week due to Halloween.

26 – District Governor Claudia Frost and Bob Schott

26 – Charitable Fund Quarterly meeting, 8:45 AM.

November:

2 – Classification Talk and Lynne Schott

9 – November Students of the Month and Patty Rice

16 – We need a program and Becky Kaurup

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Scott Hynek, Bruce Powell and Irene McGrew from the Bethel Rotary Club were our visiting Rotarians and guest speakers.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Chris Summers said that he saw Dan Hart on Route 26 on the way to Rotary and knew our northern border wasn't secure as he had Bethel Rotarians with him. He also said that he would make sure Frank's badge was secured after Bruce Powell borrowed it for the meeting.

Announcements:

President George – We need 24 to sign-up in order to have our evening social meeting next (now this) week. By the end of the meeting, Dan Hart announced that we did have 24 paid reservations. Linda announced that dinner would be pork roast, baked potato and green beans, along with rolls and dessert.

Connor Burnam – although this was one of Glenn's Happy Dollars last week, due to a failing memory, I forgot to announce in the Reader that Connor became our newest member on October 5th. His classification is Automobile Sales. Welcome Connor! We are very happy to have you join us!

John Griffith – the Dictionary Project is underway. John has given dictionaries to the 3rd grade at Otisfield Elementary; Dan Hart has scheduled Agnes Gray in West Paris and Hebron Elementary. John will be doing Harrison on Tuesday, October 18, and Oxford Elementary is scheduled for Friday, October 21. Thanks to Val, Paul and Peter for volunteering to do Oxford. Still waiting to schedule Rowe and Paris.

Road Toll – due to a mix-up with Responsible Pet Care, we did not have our Road Toll on Sunday as both they and we showed up at the tennis courts at the same time. After some discussion, we made a group decision to cede the day to RPC. In talking with both George and Bob this morning (Monday), we have rescheduled the road toll to next Sunday, October 23. Right now, the long-range weather forecast looks promising for a weekend like this past weekend, so let's hope it holds.

Last Week:

President George returned after his time with Covid. He led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Dan A. led us in song and Glenn gave the blessing.

Before our guest speakers had their turn, George presented Perfect Attendance awards to Lynne for 18 years, Paul for 21 years and Tina for 5 years. Congratulations!

George also announced that Patty Rice has become our 5th member to become a sustaining member, having reached the \$100 goal for Every Rotarian Every Year. He also presented Dan Allen with his PHF+2 pin which means that \$3,000.00 has been donated to the Foundation in his name.

After these presentations, Dan Hart introduced Scott Hynek, Bruce Powell and Irene McGrew who took turns talking about the Bethel club's auction and yard sale. They had a very successful one this year and we were interested in how they conduct theirs and what we may want to adopt to make ours more successful.

Bruce began by talking about the history of the project which started as part of the Mollyocket Day festival in July. They began by combining the auction with a chicken BBQ which was very labor intensive. Through the years, they dropped the BBQ and changed location from Telstar High School to the fields off Parkway which brought them closer to town. A few years ago, they decided to expand the times of the flea market from one afternoon and evening to a multi-day event, using 4 tents and a 5th one for better and larger things. They also stopped pricing things and made it a "Pay what it's worth to you." That saved a lot of time and they found that they actually made more money as people generally give them a \$10 or \$20 for what they have in hand. They also paid a gentleman to watch things from early evening until late night, and the first night he was there, he sold \$150 worth of stuff for them. They also collect goods all year, which of course, we do, too, but they don't do anything on-line so were interested in talking with Paul since he sells so much on-line for us.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dan A. had happy dollars for our on-going projects, raising money with tent rentals and Paul selling auction items on-line.

Patty was happy to see the folks from Bethel and announced that Bruce Powell will sell cheese wheels to the Bethel and Mountain Valley Clubs for us.

Chris was happy to assure Frank that his badge is secure and that it was nice to see Connie.

Frank had \$100 happy dollars, telling us that Connie's cancer is in complete remission, which is wonderful news!

Bruce Powell brought greetings from the Bethel club.

Glenn had happy dollars for our new member and members to be and had thanks for Curtis's work with the revitalized membership committee.

50/50 – PP Chris drew his own number but then drew the 9 of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. There was \$182 in the pot.

Puns for the Week:

I met a micro-biologist today. He was much larger than I expected.

Before the crowbar was invented, crows just drank at home.

October is Community Economic and Development Month:

“People have to struggle to live and, frequently, to live in an undignified way. One cause of this situation, in my opinion, is our relationship with money, and our acceptance of its power over ourselves and our society.”

~ Pope Francis ~

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays – Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26

October Anniversaries – Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Mike & Beth Abbott – 10/11

October Membership Anniversaries – Glenn Huntley – 38 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Summers – 10 yrs. – 10/10; Tina Fox – 6 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 29 yrs. – 10/20; Alice Paul – 2 yrs. – 10/21

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Stella’s on the Square, 6 North High 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