



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."

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Evening and Welcome! Today is the 203rd day of 2021. There are 72 days remaining in the year. Tonight's meeting is the first of our resuming evening meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Liz Knox 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 207-461-7158 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's paraphernalia.

October:

24 – Pints for Polio, 290 Main St. from 4:00 PM – 7:00PM. Final details to come.

27 – Glenn Huntley and Becky Kaurup.

November:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

3 – Becky Kaurup and Glenn Huntley

10 – Students of the Month and Dan Hart

17 – Evening meeting and John Griffith

24 – Liz Knox and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Warren Spencer talked about the upcoming Pints for Polio event on October 24th and reminded us that one of the things that is important in Rotary is something we don't do a lot of and that is to just get together and enjoy each other's company.

Announcements

President Peter – If anyone would like to serve on a committee to help plan for the Pints for Polio event on the 24th, please speak to Peter. He would like to have a meeting on Monday or Tuesday (now today or tomorrow) to do some planning.

Six of our members went to OHCHS on Friday, the 8th, to help with the staff appreciation day. It was a great event and everyone had a good time.

If anyone is interested, the Harrison Food bank is looking for help moving some excess product from Harrison to Good Shepherd in Auburn on Tuesday (tomorrow). Each pantry is different in that some foods do not go well in certain areas but do well in others.

Paul Thornfeldt is keeping a count of how many cheese wheel sales so that we don't sell more than our allotment of 600. Please let him know each Wednesday how many you have sold.

We held our **Road Toll for Polio** yesterday afternoon. It was a cool day at times and windy, but was nice when the sun came out. We made \$2,003.00, not including the coin. I expect we will have a final total at Wednesday's meeting.

Continuing Reminder - be sure to enter your extra hours in the log book, or e-mail or otherwise inform George of the extra time you put in. It's easier to do it once a week than wait until the end of the month and try to remember what you did.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Glenn gave the blessing. Dan Allen joined us on Zoom but we didn't have a song.

Our program last week was the Dictionary Project led by John Griffith. John gave us some history and information on the Project. The idea for the Dictionary Project started in 1992 in Savannah, Georgia, when Annie Plummer gave 50 dictionaries to children who attended a school close to her home. Each year, she continued to give this gift, raising money to help give more and more books so that in her lifetime, she raised enough money to buy 17,000 dictionaries for children in Savannah. Her project attracted the

attention of Bonnie Beeferman of Hilton Head, South Carolina, who began a project raising money by selling crafts to buy dictionaries for the children of Hilton Head and surrounding communities. Ultimately, demand for the dictionaries became so great that Bonnie and her husband established a 501 (c)(3) in 1995. Since its implementation in 1995, over 31,000,000 children in the United States and elsewhere have received dictionaries. The first Rotary Club involvement in the project began in 2002. Since then 3,705 clubs have donated 15,606,250 dictionaries to 3rd grade students in the United States. As for Oxford Hills, we started our Dictionary Project in 2004, so this is the 18th year we have participated. In that time, we have given out 4,705 dictionaries to 3rd grade students in SAD17.

Most of the schools are combining their classes together and we are meeting outside, weather permitting, so I don't need as much help as past years. I could still use an assistant for Harrison and Rowe on Wednesday, and ultimately Paris when I am able to schedule a date.

Oxford Hills Christian Academy – still trying to get in touch

Otisfield – Wednesday, October 20 at 9:30 AM – John Griffith

Harrison – Friday, October 22 at 9:15 AM – John Griffith and ?

Rowe – Wednesday, October 20 at 1:15 PM – John Griffith and ?

Agnes Gray, West Paris – Tuesday, October 19 at 2:30 PM – John Griffith

Paris – still waiting for teachers to get back to me

Oxford – Paul and Curtis did on Friday, October 15th

Hebron – Dan Hart scheduled to do.



Paul had a happy dollar for Dave that the Red Sox beat the Tampa Rays.

Valerie asked for prayers for her grandson who is going to undergo brain surgery for a benign brain tumor.

Bob was happy that we have enough people signed up to help with the Road Toll

George had an appreciation dollar for John giving the history of the Dictionary Project.

Warren had a sad dollar that his daughter, who recently returned home from Afghanistan, is now on her way to Iraq.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays – Amber Carter (Ed Millett) – 10/19; Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26

October Wedding Anniversaries – Ed Millett & Amber Carter – 10/1; Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Michael & Beth Abbott – 10/11

October Membership Anniversaries – Abbie Earle – 3 yrs. – 10/3; Glenn Huntley – 37 yrs. – 10/3; Chris Summers – 9 yrs. – 10/10; Tina Fox – 5 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 28 yrs. – 10/20; Alice Paul – 1 yr. – 10/21

50/50 – Val drew George's number but George didn't draw the King of Clubs.

Pun of the Week:

What do you get when a police officer surprises a skunk? Why, Law and Oder, of course.

Quote for the Week:

“The plague as we of today have the happiness to know, is merely nature's fortuitous manifestation of her purposeless objectionableness.”

~ Ambrose Bierce ~
1842-1914

The answer to last week's quiz was "B" – 36,491 marble bricks were used to build the Washington Monument.

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

P.S. I hope someone knows the correct answers to the baseball quiz as I threw away the next day's calendar that had the answers on it.