



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."

2021-2022 Officers:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 279th day of 2021. There are 86 days remaining in the year. This morning is our monthly Club Assembly. Our greeter is Heidi Ortiz.

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:

13 – John Griffith and Mike Morin – We will be putting labels in Dictionaries for the Dictionary Project.

17 – Road Toll for Polio Plus – by the tennis courts at OHCHS on Fair St., 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

20 – Dan Hart and Liz Knox

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 – Club Assembly and Glenn Huntley

10 – Students of the Month and Dan Hart

17 – Becky Kaurup and John Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Alice Paul told us that October 27 was her 1 year anniversary as a Rotarian and she talked about all the things that we have done in that past year despite the pandemic. We delivered masks to SAD 17 and others, we did the Dictionary Project, sold cheese wheels, cleaned cemeteries, planted flowers at Moore Park, renovated the Moore Park gazebo, set up and took down tents, held our Drive-thru Lobster Feed, and had our flea market among other things. We stayed busy and are not done yet!

Announcements

President Peter – We received a thank you note from the West Paris church food bank which he read to us.

The Pink Feather Foundation is hosting a Chamber of Commerce After Hours and open house – which has now passed. Hopefully, some of our members were able to attend.

Don't forget to see Liz if you bought a t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Patty Rice told us that Abbie Earle's father passed away suddenly over the weekend. She had cards for us to sign for Abbie and for PP Roy and Linda Earle, as Abbie's father was Roy's grandson. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say how sorry we were to hear this news and that our thoughts and prayers are with Abbie's family.

John Griffith – 2 boxes of dictionaries showed up on his door step yesterday and hopefully the remaining 7 boxes will come shortly (they did). We will be putting the labels in the dictionaries at our October 13th meeting. John will be contacting the schools to set up delivery dates. In checking with Superintendent Henson last week, she said we would be able to go in the schools this year – following COVID protocols.

Bob Schott – Please sign-up to help with the Polio Plus Road Toll on Sunday, October 17, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We did not have enough people to do the Road Toll for the food pantries last month. Hopefully, enough of us are available for Polio Plus.

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 and Curtis Cole gave the blessing. We had a very small group last week. But you can't keep a good man down, Frank Shorey joined us from his hospital bed where he was waiting treatment for A-Fib.

We had an open program week so Dave Preble and Chris Summers were scheduled to give new classification talks. Dave was eager to do his so he went first and used all of the allotted time, so we will have to wait to hear Chris's talk another time.

Dave told us he was born in Portland but that his parents moved to South Paris when he was 10 months old and his father went to work for Sanborn's Motor Express. His parents bought a home at Kevin Heights and he and his brother had a great childhood growing up there. In the early 70's, his mother was diagnosed with cancer, so in 1973, his sophomore year in high school, his parents rented an RV and went across the country, visiting 32 states, and having an amazing time. His dad remarried in December 1975 but unfortunately, he passed away in July 1980. There were two things his parents wanted Dave to accomplish – one was to become an Eagle scout and the other was to be a pharmacist. He achieved both goals, graduating from Oxford Hills in 1977 and going on to pharmacy school. In 1982, he took a job with Prim's Pharmacy and was given the opportunity to buy out the pharmacy in 1992. Things worked out and on January 1, 1992, Dave became the owner of two pharmacies. Both were very successful but required a lot of time and work to manage so in 1998, Dave and Becky sold them to Rite-Aid. Dave became a Rite Aid pharmacist working in Bethel from 1998 until 2005 when he moved to the Hannaford Pharmacy in Oxford. He recently stepped down as pharmacy manager and is now working part time, 4 days per week, hoping to fully retire in June 2024.



Dan H. had a reminder dollar that we will be having our first evening meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 20. Spouses and guests are welcome. However, we will need a head count by Sunday, the 17th. Cost for the dinner will be \$15.00 which includes the 50/50 raffle.

Curtis had a thank you dollar for Stan's mechanical prowess.

Dave said that one of the things he forgot to tell us was that he loves to ski and that this is his 57th year of skiing. He said he learned on the No-Par slope for those of us that remember that.

Bob had a sad dollar noting that there was trash all along the Lake Road where we just picked up a little more than a week ago.

Lynne said their 3 year old grandson doesn't talk much – that he comes about it naturally – but there was lots of excitement the other morning when he said good morning to his grandmother and grandfather quite clearly.

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 – Chris drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the 6 of Diamonds. I didn’t write down how much was in the pot but it carries over regardless.

Baseball Movies – match the quote to the movie:

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| 1. “Listen, you didn’t come into this life just to sit in the dugout, did ya?” | a. <i>A League of Their Own</i> |
| 2. “If you build it, he will come.” | b. <i>The Bad News Bears</i> |
| 3. “There’s no crying in baseball.” | c. <i>Major League</i> |
| 4. “Wild thing, you make my heart sing. You walk everything. | d. <i>Field of Dreams</i> |

Pun of the Week:

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details sketchy.

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.