



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."

2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780
Governor: Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland – Oxford Hills Rotary Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers
– Co-Pres. Elect: Vacant – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Lynne Schott – Club Service Chair: George Rice – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 314th day of 2021. There are 51 days remaining in the year. This morning we welcome the November Students of the Month and their guests. Dan Hart 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.

November:

17 – Evening meeting and John Griffith
24 – Liz Knox and Tina Fox

December: (subject to change!)

1 – OHCHS Chorale (tentative) and Tally Decato
8 – December Students of the Month and Curtis Cole
15 – Evening Meeting and Dan Allen
22 – Classification Talk and Beth Abbott
29 – Ed Millett and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were visiting Rotarians or guests last week. Frank, Joel, Dan A. and Tina joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Glenn Huntley talked about getting new members. He expressed concern that we need new blood and new ideas. We have a great club and we need to share it.

Membership Proposal:

The Progress Center has been proposed as our first commercial member by Tina Fox. If anyone has any comments, concerns or questions about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

Co-President Peter also expressed concern that we really need new members. Remember, each one, bring one. We also need a Vice-president and President-elect to serve for the remainder of this year and to serve as President and President-elect next year. We will be putting together a nominating committee to put a slate of officers together for next year. If you have not served in these offices, please consider doing so, and if you have, please consider doing so again.

The Students of the Month will be coming next week (now this week) and we will be required to wear masks while they are in the building.

Peter also addressed the Evening meetings. We ended up taking a loss because 50 signed up but only 40 attended. We had to pay for those 10 who did not come. Going forward, if you sign-up, you will be expected to pay unless you have a major personal or family emergency. Also, there are no "freebies." Free breakfast tickets will not be accepted for the evening dinner.

Remember that November is Foundation month. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so.

John Griffith – the Dictionary Project is complete. John did the last two classes at Paris Elementary last Friday morning. Thanks to Paul, Curtis and Dan H. for helping out.

Paul Thornfeldt – per his e-mail this morning (Monday), we have sold 518 cheese wheels. Please let Paul know of your sales so he can keep track and so that we don't oversell our 600 allotment.

Dan Hart – working with Ed and Heidi on our Vocational Service programs for January and updating our roster. If anyone knows of someone who would make an interesting speaker for January 5 and 26, please speak to Dan, Ed or Heidi.

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 for the month. 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 4-Way Test. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing. We did not have a song in the physical absence of Dan Allen - and we thought it would be too difficult for him to lead us over Zoom.

As our program, Tally Decato gave us an updated classification talk. She said she has been a “townie” all her life and that her family goes back three generations. She grew up on Paris Hill, attended local schools and went to college to get her degree in Education. She taught school for a few years, then decided to change careers and opened a dress shop in Norway. Unfortunately, the economy died and the dress shop went with it, so she went back to teaching, serving as a teacher and guidance counselor until she retired. With another teacher, she started the Aspire Higher program which eventually expanded to all of the schools in the school district.

Her introduction to Rotary started with her husband, Lloyd, and son, Dick, who were members of our club. Through that, she started her own Rotary career by becoming the Interact Advisor at the high school. She has been a Rotarian herself for the last 28 years and was Rotarian of the Year a few years ago. Rotary means a lot to her as she has always been involved in the local community.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Val was happy and very thankful for her grandson’s successful brain surgery and that he is recovering very well. It was interesting that they did the surgery through his nose, and while he still has to be careful not to do too much, he has been instructed not to blow his nose.

Dave had happy dollars for his grandsons, ages 15 and 13, who came in first place and fifth place in their age groups, among 80 to 100 runners.

George was happy to attend the Pints for Polio event for the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary and was looking forward to going to the up-coming one in Lewiston-Auburn.

Glenn had a happy dollar for his best friend, Bill Hunt.

Alice was happy that her sister and husband have moved to Norway to be closer to family.

Beth told us that Christmas for Teens is looking for 150 pillows this year which she will be working on.

Paul – the storage locker is looking quite empty now that we have had our last large donation and sale. We are always looking for more stuff!

John was happy to announce that his brother is now a grandfather with the birth of Nora Madeline Griffith, daughter of his nephew, Shane and his wife, Whitney.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays – Bob Schott – 11/1; Julie (Dan) Hart – 11/4; Warren Spencer – 11/15; Liz Knox – 11/16

November Wedding Anniversaries – Dan & Julie Hart – 11/8; Glenn & Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries – George Rice – 38 years – 11/11; Ed Millett – 1 year – 11/30; Mike Morin – 1 year – 11/30.

50/50 – Val drew Ron's number but Ron drew the 10 of spades. There was \$97 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

I bought a wooden whistle, but it wooden whistle. So I bought a steel whistle. But it steel wooden whistle. So I bought a lead whistle. But it steel wooden lead me whistle.

This Week in Sports – or maybe it was last week or the week before – Anyway:

In 1986, the New York Mets defeated the Boston Red Sox in Game 6 of the World Series after a routine ground ball rolled between the legs of Boston first baseman Bill Buckner, allowing the winning run and capping the Mets' 10th-inning come-from-behind victory. The Mets won Game 7 two nights later to earn the championship.

November is Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

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