

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**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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## 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

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**Welcome and Good Morning!** Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> day of 2022. There are 361 days remaining in the year. This morning, we start our annual Vocational Service month with our guest speakers. Recently retired Norway Fire Chief, Dennis Yates, is our first speaker. Secretary John Griffith is our greeter.

**Calendar:** *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith John 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](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 paraphernalia.

## January:

18 – Vocational Service Speaker and Curtis Cole  
25 – Vocational Service Speaker and Connor Burnam

## February:

1 – Vocational Service Speaker and Leanna Bowie  
8 – February Students of the Month and Dan Allen  
15 – Ron Morse and Beth Abbott  
22 – Alice Paul and Val Weston

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

There were no visiting Rotarians last week. Dave Knox was the guest of Liz Knox.

### *Rotary Moment:*

For Vocational Service Month, Greeter John Griffith found this on the RI website. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. Our members and our Foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. We provide training and access to well paying jobs and financial institutions. Rotary makes it happen – we create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.

### *Announcements:*

Treasurer Liz – we actually got two more cases of cheese than what we thought, so had 1,008 wheels to sell. We have 60 wheels remaining so have sold 948 so far! Keep selling them, President George would like them out of his basement!

Please remember that the Cancer Resource Center is looking for drivers to help people get to their doctor's appointments, etc. If this is something you are interested in doing, speak to Peter for more info.

**Don't forget to send George your monthly volunteer hours or write them in the book. It is important that we continue to do this.**

### *Last Week:*

President George led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in song and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

We began our meeting by electing officers and directors for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. President George announced that Dan Allen has stepped up and will serve as President-elect next year. We still need a Vice-president and Community Service director.

### *The Slate of Proposed Officers for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year is as follows:*

President:	Beth Abbott
President Elect:	Dan Allen
Vice-president:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Stan Brett
Past President:	George Rice
Club Service Chair:	Paul Thornfeldt
Vocational Service Chair:	Dan Hart
Community Service Chair:	Vacant

International Service Chair: Val Weston  
Youth Service Chair: Tina Fox  
Club Protection Officer: Dan Hart

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for this slate of officers. There being no other discussion, Secretary John Griffith cast one ballot, duly electing these officers and directors for 2023-2024.

At the conclusion of our annual meeting electing officers, Dan Hart introduced retired Norway Fire Chief, Dennis Yates, as our first Vocational Services speaker for January. Dennis began by saying he had used the 4-Way Test himself, but didn't know where it came from, so was glad to find out where it did. He said he joined the Norway FD on March 5, 1974 and retired from the department on December 30, 2022, almost 49 years of service. Two days after he joined, there was a major fire, his first in action. At that time, the department did not have air packs or much in the way of protective equipment. Firefighters had to buy their own boots, coat, helmet and rubber gloves. The pay was \$2.00 per hour. Now equipment costs \$3,000.00 and must be replaced every 10 years. There are also many more regulations that have to be followed now than there were when Dennis first started and a good part of the chief's time is now devoted to reports and paperwork. There are currently 25 members on the fire department and they participate in working with the schools on fire prevention and also at the high school career day.

### *Happy and Sad Dollars*

Glenn and Sharon are happy to be heading to Florida on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ron said he was happy to be back after attending his granddaughter's wedding in Connecticut.

Alice had Happy New Year dollars and wished everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Bob had happy dollars for Dennis and his 49 years of service on the Norway Fire Department.

Dave and Becky had a nice dinner at Maurice's with the Rice's and Weston's.

**50/50 – Chris drew Warren's number but Warren drew the 10 of Clubs, not the King.**

### *Puns for the Week:*

1. How much does a pirate pay for corn?  
A buccaneer!
2. I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite remarkable.

## **January is Vocational Service Month:**

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**January Birthdays** – Stan Brett – 1/3; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22

**January Wedding Anniversaries** – Liz & David Knox – 1/22

**January Membership Anniversaries** – Dan Hart – 39 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble - 40 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 41 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 29 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 31 yrs. – 1/8; Peter Kaurup – 5 yrs. – 1/24

## **Make-Ups:**

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

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://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](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