



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:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780
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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 12th day of 2022. There are 353 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the January Students of the Month and their guests with us. Our greeter is Warren Spencer.

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.

January:

19 – Evening Meeting and Lynne Schott. Perry Palmer from Town & Country Mobile Home Park will be our Vocational guest speaker.

26 – Vocational Service Speakers and Bob Schott. Mike Dailey, Paris Police Chief, will be our Vocational speaker. There is a second slot available for this meeting if you wish to ask someone to come and talk to us.

28 – Set tent in South Portland for the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary club.

31 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

February:

2 – **Vocational Speaker** and **Patty Rice**. Our speaker will be Rick Bennett from Oxford.

9 – **Students of the Month** and **George Rice**

16 – **Evening Social Meeting** and **Dave Preble**

23 – **Ron Morse** and **Alice Paul**

26 – **Community Spaghetti Dinner at South Paris Fire Station, time TBA**

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were our vocational speakers, Monica LaVerdiere from Bearfoot Realty and Jim McCarthy from Lee Credit Express. John, Tina, Lynne, Bob, Frank, Dan A. and Joel joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Paul Thornfeldt talked about an article in **Rotary** magazine about a Rotarian who recently celebrated his 70th year as a Rotarian. Paul then reviewed our members with January membership anniversaries – Co-President Peter Kaurup – 4 yrs., Stan Brett – 28 yrs., Paul, himself, with 30 yrs.; Dan Hart – 38 yrs., Dave Preble – 39 yrs. and Warren Spencer – 40 yrs. Congratulations to all!

Announcements:

Co-President Chris announced that at the board meeting on January 3, the board voted to donate \$1000.00 from the club to the Kentucky and Tennessee tornado victims. This is in addition to our “passing the hat” at our meetings last week and this week.

The board also discussed what to do with the 80 pounds of spaghetti that Co-President Peter has left, after donating all of the beans to the Somali community in Lewiston. It was decided that we would have a Community Spaghetti dinner on February 26th. Chris volunteered to cook, Peter and Becky agreed to serve on a committee to put this together. If anyone else is interested in helping, I am sure there will be plenty to do. Liz will speak to the South Paris FD about using the fire station.

Continuing Reminder – be sure to enter you 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 Chris led us in the Pledge and 4 Way Test. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing. After the announcements, Dan Hart introduced our guest speakers, Monica LaVerdiere and Jim McCarthy.

Monica is the owner of Bearfoot Realty located in Oxford. She started as an agent at Biz Realty in South Paris in 2005, then decided to open her own agency in 2010. It was a risk at that time, but perseverance paid off and she now has 11 brokers on staff. She said the real estate market has been crazy the last couple of years with a lot of out of state buyers, which unfortunately, is driving first time buyers out of the market. Monica said that being part of the community is the most important part of her success. This is home and it is important to give back to that community. As one example, Monica cited her agencies work on behalf of Christmas for Teens. The first year she participated in that effort was 2012 when they raised \$825.00 in donations. In 2021, they raised \$28,000.00.

Jim McCarthy is the assistant manager of Lee Credit Express in Norway. He said that he is “from away”, being the South Shore of Massachusetts. As a young man, he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do and took some time to figure it out. Ultimately, he decided to go into computer technology and took a job fixing circuit boards and printers. He ended up spending 28 years with AT&T in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he figured out his true calling was being able to talk to people. With a merger, he took voluntary retirement and moved to Maine. He spent a relatively successful 3 years selling cars at Rowe Ford in Auburn, then Goodwin’s in Oxford before joining Lee Cars, where he does selling and financing. He said that whatever has to be done, he does it!

Happy and Sad Dollars

Glenn had sad and happy dollars, sad to be leaving us, but happy to be heading to Florida on Monday. He and Sharon will be staying until the end of May so they can attend their granddaughter’s high school graduation on the 26th.

Val said she was proud to be associated with Monica at Bearfoot Realty.

Curtis had happy dollars for past member Marianne Todd whom he recently spoke with. (I think I got that right as it was a bit hard to hear Curtis over Zoom).

50/50 – Paul drew Ed Millett’s number but Ed didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$174 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays – Stan Brett – 1/3; Ed Millett – 1/9; Heidi Ortiz – 1/9; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22

January Wedding Anniversaries – Liz and Dave Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 38 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 39 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 40 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 28 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 30 yrs. – 1/8; Peter Kaurup – 4 yrs. – 1/24

Joke for the Week

One morning, a father asked his son, if, as a prank, he had tipped over the family privy the night before. When the son said he had, the father punished him. The son said, “When George Washington told the truth about chopping down the cherry tree his father didn’t punish him, did he?” The father said, “No, but George’s father probably wasn’t sitting in the cherry tree at the time.”

Quote for the Week:

“Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well.”

~ Robert Louis Stevenson ~
1850-1894

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 BETTER 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