



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 307th day of 2021. There are 58 days remaining in the year. Becky Kaurup is program chair and Glenn Huntley is our greeter. We will be having another classification talk.

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:

10 – November Students of the Month and Dan Hart
17 – Evening meeting and John Griffith
24 – Liz Knox and Tina Fox

December:

1 – Ed Millett and Tally Decato
8 – December Students of the Month and Curtis Cole

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Becky Kaurup gave everyone a Rotary history quiz.

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 told us that the Pints for Polio last Sunday was a successful and fun event. The timing could not have been better as the restaurant started to get quite busy by 6:00, which was our finish time. We raised \$125 for Polio Plus so between Pints and our Road Toll, we made \$2,467.00. With the 2-for-1 match, that turns into \$7,401.00. In addition, the winner of the 50/50 donated his winnings back as he told us he had polio as a child.

John Griffith – the Dictionary Project is almost complete with Paris Elementary being the only school left, and that is scheduled for this coming Friday morning at 9:30. Because the two classes there are so large, we will have to do two presentations. If anyone is interested in helping, please speak to John.

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:

I missed our opening exercises because I was late coming in on Zoom but I assume they went on as usual with Peter leading us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Glenn giving the blessing.

Our guest speakers were Jen and Kelsey from Community Concepts. Apologies that I did not get their full names. They began by giving us an overview of all of the programs administered by Community Concepts. They have over 300 employees throughout Maine and they are all there to help people. Community Concepts offers children and family services, substance abuse programs, literacy programs, healthy meal preparation, rental assistance and heating assistance, home buyer education programs, small business loans, weatherization and lead abatement and transportation. They even help with home ownership and will be starting a Built by Me housing program in Auburn.

They came to us last week mainly to talk about the “Bring Books to Life” program. Kids bring books home but their parents might not have the ability to work with them. Bring Books to Life is a literacy and reading activity that teaches parents as well as their children reading skills and hopes to instill a love of reading in the family. The books are free and parents can keep them, hopefully reading them again and again with their children.

At the end of their presentation, we presented Jen and Kelsey with a check for \$250.00 to help “Bring Books to Life.”

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Paul had a happy \$20 with thanks to Bob Schott as Paul assisted Bob in selling his Mazda RX-7.

Lynne had a happy \$10 that the car is gone! She also told us that her son and his wife hit a bear with their car.

Glenn offered congratulations dollars for Ed Millett getting married over the weekend.

Patty was happy that her son was able to borrow money from Community Concepts to purchase a skidder that helped get his business started. She and George also had a great time at Pints for Polio.

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 – Alice Paul drew Paul Thornfeldt’s number but Paul drew the 7 of Spades. Better luck next time, Paul.

Pun for the Week:

What does George Rice say to his cows at night?
It’s pasture bed time!

And a bonus:

New research suggests that towels are a leading cause of dry skin.

The Rotary Theme for November is the Foundation

The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#), such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

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