



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 Evening and Welcome! Today is the 349th day of 2021. There are 16 days remaining in the year. This week is our evening dinner meeting and we will be having a Yankee Swap. Dan Allen is our scheduled 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.

December:

22 – Jen Sherbinski will be giving us an updated Classification Talk and Beth Abbott is greeter.

22 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly Meeting – 9:00 AM after our regular morning meeting.

29 – Ed Millett and Val Weston. Our guest speaker will be Kristina Carstensen who owns and manages a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Otisfield.

January:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:30 PM.

5 – Vocational Service Speakers and Paul Thornfeldt

January cont'd:

12 – Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

19 – Evening Meeting and Lynne Schott

26 – Vocational Service Speakers and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Our guests were the December Students of the Month and their parents. DG Dick Hall was our visiting Rotarian.

Announcements:

In case you missed it, **Patty Rice** sent out an e-mail Monday morning to tell us that President Peter's mother passed away last Friday. She has been in failing health for some time and was under hospice care in Jacksonville, FL. As it happened, Peter and Becky were already in Florida to attend Peter's cousin's memorial service.

John Griffith – I keep forgetting to mention this, but I e-mailed Alan Godfrey from the Oxford, England, Rotary Club last month to see how his club's virtual tour of all the "Oxford" Rotary clubs in the US went. He replied that all went well until they got to Texas. From there on out, none of the clubs on the west coast responded to them.

President Peter – we received a thank-you letter from Responsible Pet Care for our donation to the Jay's Shade project

Tina Fox – the Christmas for Teens program will be an outside event this year at Moore Park, Friday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. The Interact Club will be doing refreshments. As in years past, they will be doing some baking on Thursday afternoon at OHCHS. If anyone would like to donate to that effort, please speak with Tina.

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 Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "We wish you a Merry Christmas...." and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

DG Dick Hall presented the Club with banners and certificates for our donations to the Foundation, to Every Rotarian Every Year and to Polio Plus. We were 3rd in the District in 2019-2020 for our donations to

the Foundation and everyone donated on some level to EREY, and as well, we received a certificate for our donations over the last two years to Polio Plus.

Our program for the week was the December Students of the Month. Their write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars

Lynne had \$20 apology dollars as she found the missing Paul Harris pins as well as a few other lost things while doing a thorough house cleaning.

Tina had thank you dollars for the students and a thanks to everyone for coming.

Dan A. was happy that he sold his property in Thomaston very quickly.

Becky was happy that her and Peter's grandson's tests all came back positive.

DG Dick had thank-you dollars for the great breakfast, the club's generosity and that we had given him some ideas for Vocational Service.

Ed had happy dollars for the students.

Dave was also happy for the students AND for beating Curtis and Bob to the ski slopes as he said he was going skiing right after the meeting.

Bob was happy that he and Lynne were able to have a delayed Thanksgiving with all of their family in Stratton.

50/50 – Chris drew Tally's number but Tally did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$146 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays – Curtis Cole – 12/6

December Wedding Anniversaries – Ron and Laura Morse – 12/20

December Membership Anniversaries – Phyllis Summers – 1 yr – 12/30

Did you Know?

According to Howmanyofme.com, there are 10,056 people in the US with the first name "Santa" and there are 4,498 people with the last name "Claus." Put them together, and there is 1 person in the US with the name "Santa Claus."

Quote for the Week:

"People in those old times had convictions; we moderns only have opinions. And it needs more than a mere opinion to erect a Gothic cathedral."

~ Heinrich Heinen, born on December 15, 1797 ~

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

December Students of the Month 2021

THEME: Classroom Citizens, Students who are conscientious, responsible and helpful to their teachers and peers.

9th Grade: Jazmyn Millett

Nominating Teacher: Cynthia Kugell

Jazmyn is a true helper in the classroom. She is always assisting her fellow students and inspiring them with her work. Jazmyn just completed a truly wonderful Stone Age art project in Studio art history. Her willingness to go above and beyond with an intricate 3D project inspired those around her to step up and think outside of the box on their projects as well. She inspired her entire period 4 class to "do better" and I'm really proud of her for that.

10th grade: Jacob Flagg

Nominating Teacher: Hunter Rowell

Mr. Flagg has moved up to Honor's level work with ease for Team C. At the start, he wasn't sure if it was something he could attain. He has shown that overcoming adversity and putting in the work sets him up well down the road. Mr. Flagg has been stellar in class, using previous learning and connecting it back to what we are currently doing in class. He asks questions that not only benefit himself but benefits the rest of his peers.

11th Grade: Catlyn Enman

Nominating Teachers: Vanessa Schultz and Mike Vandemark

Catlyn has a fun and energizing personality. She welcomes everyone who comes through the school doors with a smile and is always helpful in showing them the ropes. Catlyn excels at everything she tries to do. Her balance between work and school responsibilities is commendable. I have no doubt that this is just the beginning of great things for this young person, and I am privileged to have experience to help her in her educational journey. ~ Vanessa Schultz

Catlyn is an excellent student who takes pride in the quality of her work. Curious and self-motivated, Catlyn is tenacious in meeting her academic goals. Her work ethic and positive attitude have had a profound impact on our entire program. ~Mike Vandemark

12th Grade: Liam Dailey

Nominating Teacher: Tina Fox

Liam has been a great role model to one of my junior classes. He helps students and me in my class. Instead of opting to be in study hall or using campus leave he stays in my classroom and

helps other students. He also is in my new STEM class and is very engaged and sees the value of the program. He works well within his groups on labs that they perform. He has great respect for his peers and his teachers. I have had Liam since his freshman year class in our advisory class (VST) Viking Strong Time, and I have seen so much personal growth. I am excited to see what comes next for Liam.