

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.”

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: Dan Allen - 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

Welcome and Good Morning! Today is the 25th day of 2022. There are 340 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have our third Vocational Service month guest speaker, Sarah Hess from the Progress Center. We are hopeful that Tally will be able to be our greeter this week.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

February:

1 – Vocational Service Speaker, Jeff Preble, Civil Engineer from Wright-Pierce 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:

Last week, we had the Students of the Month and their guests. Pastor of 1st Congregational, Michael Carter was the guest of Curtis Cole. Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Allen, substituting for Tally Decato, talked about singing and Rotary. Beginning in 1908, singing a song before the meeting became a tradition. It is not universal to all clubs and in fact, Dan related that we had a new member leave shortly after joining the club due to our singing. However, it has been proven that group singing helps reduce stress and has many other benefits.

Announcements:

For the second week in a row, we did not have any announcements so I am leaving the two reminders in from last week.

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 Pastor Carter gave the blessing.

Before turning the program over to Dan Hart and our guest speaker, President George presented Val Weston with her PHF+4 pin. Congratulations, Val!

For our program, Dan Hart introduced SAD 17 Interim Superintendent of Schools, Heather Manchester. Heather said she has been a resident of Norway for 22 years. She is from Litchfield, Maine, and both of her parents were teachers. Growing up with parents as teachers, she said becoming a teacher and getting involved in education was the furthest thing from her mind. She graduated from Wheaton College, got married and ended up living in London, England where her husband was transferred for work. Overcoming her initial reluctance to teaching, she taught school in North London where she said she learned a ton and still keeps in touch with some of her students. After 5 years, she and her husband returned to the states, had two children and went on with their lives. She came to teach at Poland Regional High and had lots of different positions there which helped advance her career. She came to SAD 17 as curriculum director just as the pandemic hit and at the same time, started working on her doctorate, which she hopes to finish up this summer. Things were difficult during the pandemic, but everyone stepped up and did a fantastic job. When the superintendent position opened up, she stepped in as the interim and has been working to bring everyone back together after the unfortunate experience of the prior superintendent. Her goals for the coming year are: Recovering after Covid; working on replacing 2 buildings – Agnes Gray in West Paris and the Middle School in South Paris; instituting more outdoor learning alternatives; improving attendance; positive behavior intervention; lastly, improving school safety.

☺ Happy and Sad Dollars ☺

Patty was happy to meet Heather and hear her talk. She also had a sad dollar for the passing of Bethel Rotarian, Steve Wight's wife last week.

Alice was happy that Rotary contributed ambulances to the Ukraine.

50/50 – Patty drew Dan A.'s number but Dan drew the Queen of Clubs, not the King. There was \$71.00 in the pot.

Puns for the Week:

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

Did you know deer can jump higher than the average house? It's because of their strong hind legs and the fact that the average house can't jump.

January is Vocational Service Month:

As a Rotarian, how can you put Vocational Service ideals into action? Consider these suggestions: • Talk about your profession in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations. • Use your skills and expertise to serve a community. • Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions. • Help young people achieve their career goals. • Guide and encourage others in their professional development. By undertaking these activities, you bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

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

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Stella's on the Square, 6 North High 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