



Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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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."

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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 341<sup>st</sup> day of 2022. There are 24 days remaining in the year. This morning we will be having our Christmas Yankee Swap. Don't forget to bring a gift! Becky Kaurup 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.

### **December:**

**14 – Students of the Month and Peter Kaurup**

**21 – OHCHS Chorale and Glenn Huntley**

**28 – Liz Knox and Dan Hart**

**28 – Charitable Fund Board Meeting after our regular morning meeting.**

### **January:**

**2 – Board Meeting at South Paris town office, 5:30 PM**

**4 – Vocational Service Speaker and John Griffith**

**11 – Vocational Service Speaker and Tally Decato**

## January con'd:

18 – January Students of the Month and Curtis Cole

25 – Vocational Service Speaker and Connor Burnam

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

PDG Marty Helman was our visiting Rotarian. Leanna Bowie was a visitor for the last time!

## Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about the donation of \$15.5 million dollars that the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation donated to Rotary for the 6<sup>th</sup> Peace Center to be built, this one in northern Africa area. PDG Marty Helman is the President of the Walter Foundation board.

## Announcements:

President George – announced that Alice Paul is the 8<sup>th</sup> sustaining member this year.

George also reminded us to send him our monthly volunteer hours to him or to write them in the book. It is important that we continue to do this.

Dan Hart – don't forget that January is Vocational Service Month. We are looking for speakers for January 4<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> - with a snow date of February 1<sup>st</sup> should it be needed. Please speak to Dan if you have any questions or have someone in mind to speak.

Curtis – announced that we have 39 boxes of cheese left, or 234 wheels. Please let Liz or Connor know if you take any from the trailer. Make sure you check the wheels before you hand them out as we have had some with quality control issues.

John – just a reminder that next week (now this week) is our Yankee Swap meeting. Bring a gift of no more than \$20. John will have numbers to draw from and we will begin at breakfast so we can finish by our normal end time.

Beth – We bought and delivered 150 pillows from Walmart for Christmas for Teens on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tina – the Interact Club won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the small non-profit category for their float in the Christmas parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Club also is looking for batteries, particularly double A, C and D, if you would like to make a donation.

## Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan led us in singing “God Bless Our Rotary” and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

George inducted Leanna Bowie as our newest member. Congratulations Leanna! We are very happy to have you aboard!

Program Chair Peter Kaurup introduced PDG Marty Peak Helman as our guest speaker. Marty became a member of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary in 2003 and served as president in 2006-2007. She was District 7780 Governor for the 2012-2013 Rotary year. Marty is the 2020-21 chair of The Rotary Foundation's Peace-Major Gifts Initiative. She has served on this committee and its predecessor committees since 2015, and she conceived of and chaired the Sakuji Tanaka Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship Committee, which raised \$1 million for the Rotary Peace Centers. This is reportedly the largest sum ever raised for a Rotary Presidential fund.

Marty is currently Trainer for Zones 28/32 (2019-21). She served as International Training Leader at the 2018 and 2019 International Assemblies and will serve as Training Leader Support for the virtual 2021 International Assembly. She has been a Trainer for the Governors-elect and Governors-nominees at Zone 24/32 Institutes for a number of years, as well as for District 7780 Governors-elect. She has facilitated at the Rotary Leadership Institute since 2009 and Northeast PETS since 2013, and she has presented in breakouts at the Atlanta, Toronto and Hamburg International Conventions. She has served as President's Representative and is a popular speaker on The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Peace Centers, and membership topics.

Marty told us that while Rotary does a lot for world peace, we don't really talk about it. Peace became the 4<sup>th</sup> Object of Rotary in 1920, beginning with small international scholarships. Rotary also had a substantial role in the establishment of the UN and our having the infrastructure in place for Polio Plus has helped immensely with other disease outbreaks. Rotary Peace schools offer Master's degrees in 2 years with full scholarships as well as the option for a Graduate Certificate Program for one year of independent study. The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation recently donated \$15.5 million dollars for the establishment of the newest Peace Center which will be located in either Cairo, Egypt or Istanbul, Turkey. Any club can sponsor a student at no cost and there are no geographic or age requirements. The donation from the Walter Foundation is the second largest ever donated to Rotary.

### *Happy and Sad Dollars*

**Ron** – was happy to relate a Rotary moment. He told us his niece was on a safari in Africa and while riding through Namibia, she passed a field with 5 young boys playing soccer without a soccer ball. I've forgotten what Ron said they were using. Anyway, she went to a close by mall and bought 5 soccer balls to give to the kids, who were yelling and screaming about them.

**Patty** was happy to be back after her surgery the first of November. She is still recuperating but gaining strength every day.

**Curtis** was happy for Leanna being inducted into the club this morning. The membership committee's goal is to have 5 new members this Rotary year.

**Bob** said he was happy to be able to spend some time with his grandchildren.

**50/50 – Leanna drew Stan’s number and wouldn’t you know it, Stan drew the King of Clubs. There was \$247.00 in the pot. Merry Christmas, Stan!**

**Dad Joke of the Week:**

**My dad used to sing little ditties. This was my favorite: There was a young lady named Mabel. She danced on the dining room table. Her face grew red, When the gentleman said ... “Look at the legs on that table!”**

**December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month:**

Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can’t afford or don’t have access to basic health care. This month, we celebrate the work Rotarians worldwide are doing to combat diseases through effective treatment and prevention. In 1985, **Rotary** pledged to eradicate polio, and look at the progress that has been made.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**December Birthdays** – Curtis Cole – 12/6

**December Anniversaries** – Ron & Laura Morse – 12/20

**December Membership Anniversaries** – Phyllis Summers – 2 yrs. – 12/30

**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