



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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: 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

Welcome and Good Morning! Today is the 4th day of 2022. There are 361 days remaining in the year. This morning, we start our annual Vocational Service month with our guest speakers. Recently retired Norway Fire Chief, Dennis Yates, is our first speaker. Secretary John Griffith is our 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 paraphernalia.

January:

11 – January Students of the Month and Tally Decato

18 – Vocational Service Speaker and Curtis Cole

25 – Vocational Service Speaker and Connor Burnam

February:

1 – Vocational Service Speaker 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:

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Vocational Service Chair and Greeter, Dan Hart, spoke about January being Vocational Service month and said that we have four speakers lined up to speak so far.

Announcements:

President George presented sustaining member stickers to Tina Fox and Lynne Schott for reaching their \$100 EREY goal.

George also told us that Perry Palmer sent a card to Rotary stating that he had sold Town & Country Mobile Home Village and hoped to come to aa meeting in the future. He enclosed a \$500 contribution to the Club. Thank you for your donation, Perry!

We received a thank-you note from PDG Jim Lilley's family. He was a great Rotarian and will be sorely missed.

George also said anyone wanting to sell any of the remaining cheese wheels can contact him directly.

The Fireside Chat for Leanna and Connor has been postponed due to Tally's accident from which she is currently recovering. It will be rescheduled to a later date.

The Slate of Proposed Officers for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year is as follows:

President:	Beth Abbott
President Elect:	Vacant
Vice-president:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Stan Brett
Past President:	George Rice
Club Service Chair:	Paul Thornfeldt
Vocational Service Chair:	Dan Hart
Community Service Chair:	Vacant
International Service Chair:	Val Weston
Youth Service Chair:	Tina Fox
Club Protection Officer:	Dan Hart

As you can see, we need a President-elect, a Vice-president and a Community Service Director. Please speak to George or Beth if you wish to serve in these positions.

Don't forget to send George our monthly volunteer hours to him or to 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 Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

We did not have a scheduled program but filled our time with announcements. The topic of last Friday's storm came up and Liz told us that the Town of South Paris is completing paperwork for disaster relief as there were power outages, roads washed out and many trees down. We are grateful to the many utility crews from out of state working long hours. Many Mainers and businesses offered crews food, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

George was happy that we made out better than some others with the storm.

Frank Shorey said he was happy he is attending a church service that includes the Pope.

Patty was happy that with a generator, she was able to have Christmas dinner with her family, and that her new pellet furnace is keeping her warm.

Dan A reminisced that during the ice storm of '98, Mainers gave more in money and gifts to the Red Cross than expected.

Tina was happy for her artesian well and heat during the storm.

50/50 – Beth's number was drawn but she drew the 6 of Hearts. There was \$40 in the pot.

Joke for the Week:

Frank Shorey just received a life alert bracelet so if he ever gets a life, he'll be notified immediately.

January is Vocational Service Month:

“Rotary Makes it Happen – we create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.”

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