



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."

2021-2022 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780
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– 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 5th day of 2022. There are 360 days remaining in the year. Our first guest speakers for Vocational Service month are Monica LaVerdiere, owner of Barefoot Realty, and Jim McCarthy, Assistant Manager at Lee Credit Express. Paul Thornfeldt 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's paraphernalia.

January:

12 – Students of the Month and **Warren Spencer**

19 – Evening Meeting and **Lynne Schott**. Perry Palmer from Town & Country Mobile Home Park will be our Vocational guest speaker.

26 – Vocational Service Speakers and **Bob Schott**. Mike Dailey, Paris Police Chief, will be our Vocational speaker. There is a second slot available for this meeting if you wish to ask someone to come and talk to us.

31 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston talked about donating to the victims of the tornadoes in Kentucky and Tennessee. Remember that Dan Allen has pledged to match the club's donations up to \$1000.

Announcements:

Tina - Christmas for Teens was a big success. Thanks to the Interact Club, Liz and Dave Knox, Peter and Becky Kaurup and Jen Sherbinski and her son for attending and helping out. Donations totaled \$1600.00 and the Interact Club donated \$400 from their budget to bring the total to \$2000.00.

John - I am leaving the info on where to donate to the Kentucky and Tennessee tornado victims one more time:

Rotary District 6760 Governor Michael Babb, and **Rotary District 6170 Governor Gail Story**, both district leadership teams, and Rotary clubs in the devastated communities are organized to accept donations and contribute to helping these communities survive, recover and rebuild.

At this very special time of year, those who survive have little to celebrate. Please help. Here's what is currently known, and what you can do.

- **Tennessee: Rotary District 6760** is accepting donations to assist communities in need who have been affected by the tornado.
- Please make checks payable to: **Rotary District 6760** and include **Disaster Relief** in the memo, and mail to:
Rotary District 6760 Treasurer
P.O. Box 399t
Dickson, TN 37056
- **Kentucky: Rotary District 6170** can now accept tax-deductible donations for tornado relief.
- Please make checks payable to: **Rotary District 671** and include **Heart of America Disaster Relief Fund**, and mail to:

Rotary District 6170 Treasurer
Jennifer Johnson
304 Green St.
Morrilton, AR 72110

If anyone has a network of suppliers who are willing to donate supplies, or are considering sending a team of recovery volunteers, please contact Michelle Balsley at rotary6760disaster@gmail.com.

Please help out these communities that are in need at this time of year when family, peace and compassion are especially important. Thank you for being a Rotarian, and thank you for your compassion.

Dick Hall
Rotary Club of Portland Maine
District 7780, DG 2021-2022

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. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing. After brief announcements, Peter introduced our guest speaker, Kristina Cartensen.

Kristina owns and manages an animal refuge and rehabilitation at her home in Otisfield. Her efforts are all voluntary and at her own expense. She has been through a 40 hour program of instruction and follows national rules, thus has a Federal permit as a back yard rehabber. Her program is not an animal reserve. Most of the animals she takes in are brought to her by game wardens. She cannot ask for donations, they must be all voluntary. She said she handles primarily with deer, raccoons and squirrels. Kristina does not take in birds. There is a rehabber in Bridgton that takes them. In fact, there are several rehabbers around that specialize in different animals so they are in constant contact among themselves and with the game wardens. Kristina did most of her program in response to our questions and it was very interesting to hear.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars

Dan H. had a happy \$10 for next month being Vocational Service month and our guest speakers. He also heard from one of last year's scholarship recipients who wants to come and thank us in person, which Dan is arranging.

Glenn had some appreciation dollars for the poinsettia plant he won at our Christmas evening dinner meeting.

Val had a happy \$20 for Bearfoot Realty raising \$28,000.00 for Christmas for Teens.

Peter and Becky had a good time at Christmas for Teens even though it was quite cold.

Becky announced that Co-president Chris has been ill since December 11, but is doing better now.

John owes some sad dollars because his new 2022 “Argyle Sweater” desk calendar does not have the quotes, jokes, puns or historical information printed on the back of the daily cartoon page, which has been the source of many things he has put in the Reader for the last several years.

50/50 – Val drew Patty’s number, but Patty didn’t draw the King of Clubs.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays – Stan Brett – 1/3; Ed Millett – 1/9; Heidi Ortiz – 1/9; Heather (Joel) Speakman – 1/9; Dan Allen – 1/22

January Wedding Anniversaries – Liz and Dave Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries – Dan Hart – 38 yrs. – 1/1; Dave Preble – 39 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 40 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 28 yrs. – 1/4; Paul Thornfeldt – 30 yrs. – 1/8; Peter Kaurup – 4 yrs. – 1/24

An oldie but goodie that still makes me smile:

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which has gone almost unnoticed.

Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote “The Hokey Pokey” died peacefully at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for the family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in.....that’s when the trouble started.

Oh shut up! You know it’s funny.

Vocational Service Month:

“Where talents and the needs of the world cross, therein lies your vocation.”

~ Aristotle ~

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 BETTER 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