

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, February 1, 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.”

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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: 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

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Welcome and Good Morning!** Today is the 32nd day of 2023. There are 333 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have our last speaker for Vocational Service month, Pete Preble, Civil Engineer from Wright-Pierce. Leanna Bowie 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.

## February:

**8 – February Students of the Month and Dan Allen**

**15 – Ron Morse and Beth Abbott**

**22 – Alice Paul and Val Weston**

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

## March:

**1 – Dave Preble and Chris Summers**

**8 – March Students of the Month and Warren Spencer**

**15 – Lynne Schott and Bob Schott**

**22 – Patty Rice and Lynne Schott**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We had two visiting Rotarians from the Bridgton-Lake Region club – Emma Bodwell and Alisha Berry. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox and Ryan Lorrain was the guest of Leanna Bowie.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Connor Burnam told us that he is looking forward to helping our communities and our club, and he thanked Glenn Huntley for harassing him to come and check us out.

### *Membership Proposal:*

Ryan Lorrain has been proposed for membership by Leanna Bowie. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

### *Announcements:*

*President George* – we can now come into the building through the back door. However, please take the door to the immediate left which leads through to the stage at the front of the vestry. That way, we can avoid the long walk down the drive to the front door in the cold (unless, of course, you park in front of the church or across the street) and not enter the kitchen, which is still off limits.

We received a thank-you from Christmas for Teens for our help. They were able to help 167 teens from 100 families.

We passed a sympathy card around for Steve Wight from the Bethel club whose wife passed away a week or so ago.

I did not note and don't remember who spoke about past member, Miranda Ward, but they told us that that Miranda said everyone is doing okay but they are tired. They plan to rebuild their home and are working through some pretty unreasonable demands from their insurance company.

**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 Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Unfortunately, our scheduled Vocational Service Month guest speaker was not able to come due to illness. However, Dan H. said that she would be willing to speak at a future meeting, so we need to keep her in mind if someone needs a program.

Dan came up with an alternative program to keep us entertained – which he is very good at doing at the last minute!

He began by asking “How has your vocation enabled your “service” in Rotary?” and writing our responses down which led to some good discussions.

**Dave Preble** – as a pharmacist for many years, he has met a lot of people in which “personal communications” are very important.

**Frank Shorey** – worked as a disc jockey, then got into retail, working for Sears for 38 years, then owning the Western Auto store in Norway, and finally working for the Tampa Bay Rays for the last 10 years. A lot of business skills.

**George Rice** – worked in construction for 55 years, one of the first projects he worked on was building outhouses on Jewel Island.

**Dan Allen** – also in construction for many years which has come in handy for Rotary projects.

**Warren Spencer** – in commercial banking for 20 years then Investment banking for 25 years.

**Beth Abbott** – her early career running a café gave her connections to resources we use today.

**Peter Kaurup** – worked for the airlines for 30+ years and also worked for FEMA in disaster relief for 5 years which he found very rewarding. Both have helped with his Rotary work.

**Ron Morse** – remarked that he is our “oldest” member and worked with youth in Connecticut for 40 years.

**Bob Schott** – 50 years as an electrician, a skill he has used numerous times, remembering the work the club did for Camp Sunshine. He has also taught skiing at Pleasant Mountain for many years, including teaching some of our District’s exchange students.

### **☺ Happy and Sad Dollars ☺**

**Dave** had some fun dollars, wanting to know if we need to launch an investigation to see if President George has any classified documents in his possession.

**Emma** had some thanks for our hospitality dollars.

**Beth** had a good luck dollar for Dan H.’s hip surgery on Friday.

**Curtis** had happy dollars for a very nice Fireside chat with Leanna Bowie and Ryan Lorrain last night.

**Bob** was happy for the snow we have had and what is yet to come.

**50/50 – Dan A. drew Chris’s number but Chris drew the Jack of Hearts. Sorry Chris. There was \$82 in the pot.**

**Puns for the Week:**

What famous celebrity is always ready for cereal?  
Reese, with her spoon.

**February is World Understanding and Peace Month:**

“The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day... World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary’s continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.”

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**February Birthdays** – Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Matthew (Jennifer) Sherbinski – 2/15; Ron Morse – 2/24

**February Wedding Anniversaries** – None listed

**February Membership Anniversaries** – None listed

**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