

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, February 15, 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

## Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Welcome and Good Morning!** Today is the 46th day of 2023. There are 319 days remaining in the year. Ron Morse is scheduled to be program chair. However, Sarah Hess, one of our Vocational Service Month speakers who was unable to come on her scheduled day in January, will be our guest speaker. Our greeter this week is Beth Abbott.

**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:

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 – Evening Meeting with Lynne Schott as program chair and Bob Schott as greeter.

22 – Patty Rice and Lynne Schott

25 – Chili and Chowder Drive-thru – South Paris Fire Station, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

29 – Bob Schott and Patty Rice

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Our guests were the February Students of the Month and their parents. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Frank, Joel and Dan H. joined us on Zoom.

### Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Allen talked about the history of the club and introduced President George Rice and Secretary John Griffith as the only two remaining charter members still in the club.

### Announcements:

PE Beth Abbott – planning for the Chili and Chowder Drive-thru continues. Tickets and posters are being made and will be ready to go next (now this) week.

Patty Rice – said she posted on FB that we had 60 remaining cheese wheels and this week, we are down to zero, none left. Sarah Glynn purchased 20 of the wheels and donated them to the Harrison Food Bank.

President George asked me to include this announcement about RLI:

RLI NEA Seminar - Dist 7930-Wakefield, MA-Virtual (2 evenings) ID=77637076 (4)

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*Description:*

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*Location:* Sessions will be virtual. Details to follow.

February 28th - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

March 2nd - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

You must attend both nights in order to receive credit for the part you are taking.

Part I, II, III, & Graduate

\$25.00

For information please contact Event Chairs:

Linda Doliber - Site Chair  
ldoliber@hotmail.com

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Joan Arsenault - Regional Vice Chair  
joan@massteximaging.com

**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 singing "My Country 'tis of Thee....and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

President George turned the meeting over to Tina Fox who talked about the Student of the Month program, explaining the process of how the students are selected. After the introduction of the students, President George talked about Rotary, the 4-Way Test and presented the students with a 4-Way Test key chain and other Rotary information. The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

### **😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊**

**Lynne** – was happy to see her great-niece on the TV news for her achievements in soccer. She had a reluctant dollar because she was reluctant to go out to her car without her cane, but she did, and she fell on the ice.

**Patty** – attended the Zoom meeting on Foundation Basics which she found informative. She also said that Mike McGovern came up with a Superbowl challenge for members to donate \$1 for every point scored – both teams – to be donated to the Foundation, and thus challenged our club members to do the same.

**Tina** – was happy to recognize the achievements of the OHCHS cheerleaders.

**Chris** – was happy to see Steve McCann, one of the student's parents, whom he had not seen in many years.

**50/50 – Tina drew President George's number, but George drew the 7 of Spades. Sorry, George. There was \$105 in the pot.**

### **Pun for the Week:**

Why did the masseuse get fired? She just rubbed people the wrong way.

And there's room for one more:

Did you hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu. You get what you deserve.

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

“Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.”

**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

## **February Student of the Month**

Theme: Perseverance, Compassion and Generosity:

Students who show kindness, understanding, and a willingness to give time or resources to those in need while hard working in their academic settings.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Steven McCann**

Nominating Teacher: Laura Shible

Since late November, after the transition from middle school, Steven has been focused and very hard-working. Just this month, he even broke the record for the greatest number of "coins" earned in Spanish! (Rewards for completing online songs, readings, and activities). He has made an incredible progress and I want to recognize and celebrate that. He is always understating and kind to his peers. He is a great asset to our Spanish one class.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Balian L'Heureux**

Nominating Teacher: Shellie Leger

Tenth grade English is hard! Expectations are high for tenth graders to grasp some abstract concepts, follow deadlines, and required an analytical essay. In addition to this they need to complete a quiz that assesses for understanding relevant terminology, vocab from the text, and other pertinent information regarding the text. Balian, on his own volition, tweaked and updated a summative to better demonstrate his grasp on the assignment. The way he modified the assignment was a more comprehensive way to demonstrate understanding, but he wanted to challenge himself. All the while he pushes through the physical constraints. He is always thoughtful of his peers and helps others knowing how difficult concepts can be. He is a pleasure to have in class.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Landon Haggerty**

Nominating Teacher: Amanda Cormier, Jessie Brooks, Elizabeth Cheevers

Landon is a hard worker. He has a good attitude and is willing to help others. In previous years, like many students he was more concerned with his progress. He has a desire to be successful in all his academics and do positive things for others. His attendance has improved so much, and it shows in his classes. He utilizes the resources available to him to be successful. This quarter is a prime example of his hard work. While Landon attended culinary arts class, learned so much and was so proud of his culinary skills and he shared his creations from culinary arts class. He now knows he want to apply for electrical or plumbing program in the tech school for next year. We know he will be very successful because of his perseverance.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Brittany Pike**

Nominating Teacher: Andrea Hart

Brittany is an all-around great person. As a student, her work is high quality, and she participates in class discussions which helps her peers to better understand the materials. She is always prepared and ready to go. As a person, she is well rounded. She works hard in the local after school program and I know her boss appreciates her help and raves about her. I've enjoyed my conversations with Brittany and getting to know her over the last three years. When thinking of student of the month, my mind instantly went to Brittany. She never stops smiling and enjoys her experience here at OHCHS. There isn't one situation-she is ALWAYS positive. Every day-positive!! She will be successful in her next steps after high school.