

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, February 8, 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: 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

Welcome and Good Morning! Today is the 39th day of 2023. There are 326 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. Dan Allen is scheduled to be 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

February:

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

22 – Patty Rice and Lynne Schott

29 – Bob Schott and Patty Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

I don't seem to have the sign-in sheet so don't have the listing of visiting Rotarians and guests. Frank, Joel, Dan H. and Tina joined us on zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Leanna Bowie recalled her experience of being a Student of the Month eight or nine years ago.

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:

PE Beth Abbott announced that the Charitable Foundation Board has approved a Chili and Chowder Drive-thru fund raiser for March 25th to be held at the South Paris fire station. Cost will be \$12.00 per person with tickets sold in advance. We will have 100 servings of each, purchasing the meals and supplies through the Casino. They will all be prepared, all we have to do is heat them up. This fund raiser is for the benefit of our scholarships with the goal of making the Charitable Fund more self-sustaining rather than relying on the club.

Patty Rice told us that Community Concepts is looking for volunteers to prepare tax returns and help with appointments. Training will be provided. Patty has the info so if you are interested in learning more, see her.

Bob Schott has reserved Sunday, May 21, for our next road toll. This one will be for Ukraine. Our second one, to raise money for polio, is scheduled for the Sunday after Indigenous Peoples' Day or Columbus Day, if you prefer, which is October 15th.

President George asked me to include this announcement about RLI:

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

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

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 our Auction song which we had not sung since 2018. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Dave Preble introduced his brother, Jeff Preble, who was our final Vocational month speaker. Jeff, a/k/a Pete, is a civil engineer employed by Wright-Pierce in Topsham. Jeff is a long time Rotarian and member of the Auburn-Lewiston Breakfast club. He told us that Wright-Pierce was established in 1947 and currently has 300 employees. The company is 100% employee owned. Jeff reviewed his work history and shared a power point presentation of some of the projects that Wright-Pierce has been involved in through the years. Most of their projects involve working with municipalities on water, sewer and road projects. Co-ordinating all of these various entities, contractors and permitting is a time consuming process which is why it takes a long time to put a project together.

🤔 Happy and Sad Dollars 🤔

John had happy dollars for his adventure going to Cabella's to get Shelley her birthday present.

Patty was happy to have "Pete" Preble with us. She also said that she and George went to the Bridgton-Lake Region Club's fund raiser for Kakamega at Bear Mountain Inn in Waterford and they both had a good time.

Warren said he will be happy to stay home and inside during the coming cold snap.

Bob was happy that we have Pleasant Mountain for skiing and told us about an incredible 5 year old student he had.

Dan A. told us that he was having a procedure done at Stephen's Hospital after Rotary and that Stephen's is a fine little hospital that we are very fortunate to have in our community.

50/50 – Leanna drew Ryan Lorrain's number but Ryan didn't draw he King of Clubs. There was \$94 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

“My doctor told me I was going deaf. That news was hard to hear.”

February is World Understanding and Peace Month:

“Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.”

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

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