



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

**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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### 2021-2022 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780  
Governor: Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland – Oxford Hills Rotary Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers  
– 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 40th day of 2022. There are 325 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. George Rice is our greeter. Dan H. forgot that this was the week for the students, so Perry Palmer will be giving his vocational talk at next week's evening meeting.

**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](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's paraphernalia.

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

(A few days early)

## **February:**

16 – [Evening Social Meeting](#) and [Dave Preble](#)

23 – [Ron Morse](#) and [Alice Paul](#)

28 – [Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM](#)

## **March:**

2 – [Classification talk](#) and [Heidi Ortiz](#)

9 – [March Students of the Month](#) and [Ron Morse](#)

16 – [Evening Meeting](#) and [Ed Millett](#)

23 – [Heidi Ortiz](#) and [Liz Knox](#)

26 – [Community Spaghetti Dinner, South Paris Fire Station](#)

30 – [Alice Paul](#) and [Becky Kaurup](#)

## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests noted. John, Lynne, Tina, Joel, Frank, Val and Dan A. attended on Zoom.

## **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Patty Rice told us the Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution/Prevention, focusing on poverty, education and welfare.

## **Announcements:**

**Co-President Chris** – the Community Spaghetti Dinner has been postponed until Saturday, March 26, in hopes of better weather and fewer Covid cases.

The tri-fold brochure that we had printed a few years ago to hand out to prospective members has been updated and will be ready to go shortly.

**Liz Knox** – We have collected \$2,751.00 for tornado relief. After some discussion about how to distribute the money, Dan H. suggested that the board make that decision and we agreed that was appropriate. We need to give Dan Allen a big thank-you for his matching donations.

**Bob Schott** – Assuming no objection from the kitchen crew, we will be setting up some corn hole before next week's evening meeting for a little friendly competition, so come early and play a few rounds!

**And a continuing reminder,** be sure to enter your extra hours in the log book, or e-mail or otherwise inform George of the extra time you put in for the month.

## **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022-2023**

At the last board meeting on January 31, 2022, the board voted to appoint the following officers for the 2022-2023 Rotary year:

President: George Rice

President-elect: Beth Abbot

Vice President: Alice Paul

Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers

Secretary: John Griffith

Treasurer: Liz Knox

Director of Community Service: Peter Kaurup

Director of Club Service: Paul Thornfeldt

Director of Vocational Service: Dan Hart

Director of International Service: Val Weston

Director of Youth Services: Tina Fox

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Brett

Club Protection Officer: Dan Hart

## **Last Week:**

Co-President Chris led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing. After the announcements, Dan Hart introduced Rick Bennett, one of our last Vocational month speakers.

Rick started off by telling us that he had deep connections to the Oxford Hills. His aunt and uncle owned the Bryant Pond Telephone Company, and as we all remember, the switchboard was in their living room. Rick said that his mother was one of the operators. After attending Harvard, Rick decided to come back to the Oxford Hills. It took him a while to find his niche – he started a small newspaper with a friend that ultimately was unsuccessful. He then worked for Burlington Homes. In 1994, he ran for Congress, won the Republican primary, but lost to John Baldacci. He then made a run for the State Senate in 1996, serving four terms, including serving as Senate President. After getting his MBA in the late 90's, he became good friends with Bob Monks, a well-known individual in community service and Republican politics. Bob was instrumental in getting Rick involved in the fields of corporate power and accountability. They started a company focusing on these areas and became the first activist corporation in the US. Ultimately, they sold this company to a financial services company, but Rick kept the consulting part of the business, working with shareholders. He said that he likes “to fix broken things” and that accountability needs to be aligned with the people being served. It was a very interesting talk and I have only touched the surface here.

At the conclusion of our meeting, **Foundation Chair George Rice** presented Co-President Peter Kaurup with his PH+5 pin and Becky Kaurup with her PH+4 pin. Congratulations to Peter and Becky!

## 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

We ran out of time to do Happy and Sad Dollars, so save them for this week.

50/50 – I did not hear who drew the winning ticket, but Chris's number was drawn. Unfortunately, he drew the 8 of Clubs. There was \$210 in the pot.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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

**February Wedding Anniversaries** – None listed

**February Membership Anniversaries** – Heidi Ortiz – 3 yrs. – 2/20

## **February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

“It is easier to interest men in war than in peace; it therefore requires more moral courage to talk peace than war.”

~ Paul P. Harris ~

## **How about another Pun?**

Why didn't the bread rise in the great state of Maine?

It was the wrong dough Maine

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot 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