

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.”

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 60th day of 2023. There are 305 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is program chair this morning. His guest speakers are Mark and Eli Soehren from the State Champion Oxford Hills football team. PP Chris Summers 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

March:

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:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Mike Carter was the guest of Curtis Cole, Alisha Berry was the guest of Patty Rice and David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Frank Shorey, Joel Speakman and Dave Preble joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about the role of Benefactor – how to become one and what you need to do. A Benefactor is anyone who chooses to make the Rotary Foundation a beneficiary of their will. This must be made known to the Foundation when it is done and it must be specifically defined in the person's will. Remember: Rotary tomorrow depends on what we do today.

Announcements:

Beth Abbott – tickets and posters for the Chili and Chowder Drive-thru are still in the works and will be available soon. Information about the event has been posted on our Facebook page.

Patty Rice – we all signed a sympathy card for Judy Speers on the passing of her husband, PDG Gary Speers.

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 “Home on the Range” and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Not sure how it happened, but apparently Alice Paul ended up being program chair for two weeks in a row. Not to worry, her husband, Charlie, stepped in to talk about Honor Flight Maine. Charlie gave a brief overview of his military experience, beginning with his enlistment in the Marines in 1965 and a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968 where he was a radio operator. He retired from the military in 1999 and has been very active in Veteran's affairs since, holding many positions in various military organizations. Honor Flight Maine began in 2005 with the goal of taking WWII veterans to Washington, DC, to see the WWII Monument. It was a one-day trip, flying out of Portland early in the morning and returning in the evening. It has since expanded to include veterans of Korea and Vietnam and is now a three day event, travel to DC the first day, visit the monuments the second, and return home on the third. This has worked much better than the one-day trip, as it gives the veterans, especially those that are disabled, more time to see the monuments and more time to relax and unwind from traveling. Twenty-two states have Honor Flights for veterans and they take about 22,000 veterans per year to Washington. This year, there are four scheduled events flying from Portland – April 28, May 26, September 22 and October 27. Honor Flight is always looking for volunteers and guardians. Please let Charlie know if you would like to get involved.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Curtis had a happy dollar for being happy!

Dan A. was happy that he was allowed to be a Rotarian

Bob was happy for the best skiing of the year and enjoyed skiing with his 4 year old grandson who did not whine or complain all day.

50/50 – Dave Knox drew Dan A.’s number but Dan drew the 6 of Spades. There was \$121 in the pot. Maybe next time, Dan.

Here are the Top 5 Nasal Film Classics:

1. Sinus of the Lambs
2. Charlie and the Chocolate Olfactory
3. Snore Trek
4. Goldfinger
5. (Sep)tuminator

The Rotary theme for March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

“Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.”

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays – Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – March 21; David (Liz) Knox – 3/24; Chris (Val) Weston – 3/25; Susan (Mike) Morin – 3/30; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

March Wedding Anniversaries – None listed

March Membership Anniversaries – Dan Allen – 39 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 27 yrs. – 3/27

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

