

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
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**Wednesday, March 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

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Welcome and Good Evening!** Today is the 74th day of 2023. There are 291 days remaining in the year. This week is our first evening social meeting of the year. Bob Schott 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.

## March:

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

## April:

2 – Bethel Rotary Club Country Breakfast at the Grace Note Inn, 174 Mayville Rd., Bethel.

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

5 – Warren Spencer and Dave Preble

12 – April Students of the Month and Alice Paul

15 – District Assembly at Westbrook High School, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

19 – Evening Meeting and Dan Hart

26 – Chris Summers and Liz Knox

### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

Bruce Powell from Bethel was our visiting Rotarian. Alisha Berry was the guest of Patty Rice and Beth Abbott, David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox, and we had the March Students of the Month and their parents with us. Dave P., Joel and Frank joined us on Zoom.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Chris Summers reminded us that our meeting day, March 8<sup>th</sup>, was International Women's Day, so we need to celebrate the women in our lives as none of us would be here if it weren't for them. In the same vein, he said it is important that we all make an effort to get to know one another and keep an eye out for each other.

### **Proposed Member:**

Alisha Berry has been proposed as a member by Patty Rice. Her classification will be Mortgage Originator. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

### **Announcements:**

**Beth Abbott** – So far, there are 100 Chili and Chowder tickets out. With a little more than two weeks to go, we need to sell all 200 in order to make this event a success. There is a sign-up sheet being circulated so if you can help, please be sure to sign up!

**Dan Hart** – In order for us to have our planned evening dinner meeting next week, we need 24 to sign up and pay for our meal in order to make it happen. (In talking with the Sgt. at Arms before leaving, it appeared that we will have 24 signed up to attend, *ed.*).

**Bruce Powell** – brought greetings from the Bethel Club and also talked about the club's Country Breakfast coming up on April 2. There will be two sittings, one at 8:30 AM and a second at 10:00 AM. He had tickets to sell, but if you didn't get one and want to go, contact any Bethel Rotarian.

**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. Our song leader was not in attendance and no one else was brave enough to step in. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Our program was the March Students of the Month. Intereact Advisor Tina Fox talked about the program, its background and how the students are chosen. After the students were introduced and given their awards, President George talked about Rotary and the 4-Way Test, giving each of the students a 4-Way Test key chain. Tina also talked about RYLA. The student write-ups are at the end of the Reader.

## 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Patty** was happy to have the students and their guests with us. She also had happy dollars for the OHCHS girls basketball team, and the Dirigo boys who won last night. Lastly, she announced that the Rice Farm has a new baby cow, who remains unnamed at this time. She said that this is the last baby born on the farm as she and George are winding down their “cowing.”

**Bruce Powell** brought greetings from the Bethel Club and that it was nice to be here with us this morning.

**Bob** said he and Lynne attended two great high school basketball games and that he took his two two-year old grandchildren skiing for the first time.

**John** told us that he was enjoying his new part-time job driving for Ride Source in Norway. He also said that tomorrow, March 9<sup>th</sup>, is his mother’s 105<sup>th</sup> birthday, which unfortunately, she will have no recollection of. However, she remains happy in the moment.

**50/50 – Alice drew either Dave or Liz Knox’s number – we weren’t sure which – but in absentia, they drew the King of Diamonds. There was \$139 in the pot.**

## Pun for the Week:

**Thursdays are very depressing. But if you think Thursdays are bad, just wait two more days. It will be a sadder day.**

## 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](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

## **March Students of the Month 2023**

Theme: *Respectful & Responsible Citizens while being academically motivated*  
Student that is Responsible citizens, involved member of the school and community.  
Students who give their time to benefit their school, community, and their academics.

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade: Cedar Worster**

#### **Nominating Staff: Tyler DeMoore-Gonzalez**

Cedar always has a positive attitude, on task, as well as eager to help classmates and friends. Cedar is also very involved around the school a part of Math team, Cross country, Track, civil rights team, and DEI member. All these activities require a lot for any student to be that involved especially a freshman. Another example of involvement; Cedar has presented on a planal to the full staff. She continues to do things that benefit the school community while achieving high honors in all her classes. We want to celebrate her hard work and her willingness to be a responsible and active part of our school community.

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade: Parker Labonte**

#### **Nominating Staff: Chris O'Brien**

Parker is now seeing the importance of his academics; he has moved to honors or AP in all of his courses to challenge himself. Parker is doing outstanding work, adding to our class discussions, and go above and beyond in all aspects of class. He is showing an outstanding level of care in his reading and writing. He is really enjoying his classes and now he can begin to take on active roles in the school community.

**11<sup>th</sup> grade: Dakota Morgan**

**Nominating Staff: Charlee Noble and Tina Fox**

Dakota has a big heart and is willing to help however she can. Dakota is part of the Viking Mentor program and cares a lot about her role as a mentor to the freshmen. Not only has she excelled as a mentor, but she has taken it a step further by requesting to be my TA for one of my freshmen classes so that she could take it a step further and continue to be a mentor in the classroom to the freshmen. She has only been my TA since the beginning of the semester but is already such a great help, and she has become someone the freshmen look up to and are excited to see. Dakota also is a driving force in Interact Club not only attending each meeting, but taking charge of community service projects and she seeks Mrs. Fox out to help organizing. She wants to start an Interact Club at the middle school and connect to our high school club for her senior project.

**12<sup>th</sup> grade: Thomas Richards**

**Nominating staff: Tara Pelletier, and Tina Fox**

Tara said: After every home basketball game, Thomas would go around the bleachers and pick up the garbage. If he sees someone in need he offers to help.

Tina said: Thomas will come in on his off period and help where he is needed, with a smile on his face. Greeting me and my class with a good morning each day. He helps with simple things as bring in food for our school food bank or running down to the copier to make a couple of copies. Thomas found out we were baking for the Christmas for teens concert and wanted to participate. He baked for a couple of hours, stayed to clean, and didn't leave until we were completely done. He now has joined Interact Club interested in helping others where he can. He is always willing to help anyone in need and enjoys all students. He brightens his peers and teacher's day when he is around.