



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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."

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
– Pres. Elect: Beth Abbott – Vice-president: Alice Paul - 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

Good Evening and Welcome! Today is the 75th day of 2022. There are 290 days remaining in the year. This week is our Evening Social dinner meeting. Liz Knox is our greeter.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

March:

23 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly meeting (after regular morning meeting).

23 – Alice Paul and **Becky Kaurup**

30 – Dave Preble and **Dan Hart**

April:

4 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

6 – Classification Talk and **Tina Fox**

13 – Students of the Month and **Tally Decato**

20 – Evening Meeting and **Curtis Cole**

27 – George Rice and **Dan Allen**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

DG Dick Hall was our visiting Rotarian. Our guests were the March Students of the Month and their guests.

Rotary Moment:

We did not have a Rotary Moment last week.

Announcements:

Co-President Chris – We received a thank-you note from Christmas for Teens, thanking us for our donation of 150 pillows.

Stan Brett – our first tent set for the season will be April 22nd – 4 tents, including the Big Top – to be set on Cottage Street for which we will receive \$1500. He has also received a request for a tent in June.

DG Dick Hall invited us to attend the District Training session on April 16. This will be the District's first in-person session in over 2 years. There will be some interesting speakers so be sure to attend. More info coming.

Linda Smith told us about the dinner menu for next week – chicken pot pie (but not the chicken pot pie you might think it is), spinach and strawberry salad and a special lemon cake. Please let Dan Hart know if you will be attending by the end of the day on Sunday.

George Rice - be sure to enter you extra hours in the log book, or e-mail or otherwise inform George of the extra time you put in for the month.

Last Week:

Co-President Chris led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing. Patty, Lynne, Bob, Frank, Joel and Dan A. joined us on Zoom. We tried out the OWL speaker that DG Dick loaned us. It seemed to work really well except that it picks up ALL conversations, so we need to be careful about any side conversations when someone else is talking.

Co-President Chris handed out Perfect Attendance awards to Stan Brett – 26 yrs.; Tally Decato – 6yrs.; George Rice – 28 yrs.; Patty Rice – 29 yrs. Congratulations!

Chris turned the meeting over to Tina Fox to introduce the Student of the Month program. She gave a brief presentation on the program and how students are chosen. Peter introduced Freshman Cullen McDermott; Tina introduced Sophomore Cora Pierce; Tina read the recommendation for Junior Cole

Pulkkinen, who could not attend and John introduced Senior Emily Cummings. The student's write-ups are on the last pages of the Reader.

After the presentations, George talked about the history of Rotary and 4-Way Test and gave each of the students a 4-Way Test key chain. Tina then talked about RYLA.

Happy and Sad Dollars

John had happy dollars for his mother's 104th birthday today.

Co-President Chris had happy dollars for the students and their parents.

Tina was very happy that her daughter and son-in-law are home and are now back in the care of her 3 grandchildren. She said she knew there was a reason that she had her children when she was young.

DG Dick was happy to be with us and to hear about the students. He came early to help Peter set up the new speaker but found that Peter had it already working.

Alice was happy that she and her husband are going away for their anniversary next week.

George had a happy \$20 for not having to keep his arm in a sling any longer. (There was a bit more to the story but I didn't get it all written down).

Patty was happy to announce that the Rice Farm now has another baby bull calf that was born Sunday morning at 12:03 AM. His name is Marshall.

Frank said he would send a happy check in the mail for the students and that while they were heading to school, he would be on his way to play golf.

Lynne told us that Ben, Maude and Leon are now on a plane heading from France to Montreal as they had gone to France to visit Maude's family for Leon's first birthday.

Bob reminded us that there are 5 Rotary Clubs in Ukraine and that we need to keep them in mind during the current crisis.

50/50 – Beth drew John's number but John drew the 3 of Spades, not the King of Clubs. There was \$244 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays – Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; 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 – Ron Morse – 36 yrs. – 3/1; Dan Allen – 38 yrs. – 3/4; Bob Schott – 26 yrs. – 3/2

The Rotary Theme for March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

“Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.”

~ W. H. Auden ~

Pun for the Week:

Coffee has a rough time in our house. It gets “mugged” every morning.

Make-Ups:

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

www.bethelrotary.org

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

March Student of the month 2022

March theme:

Responsible Citizenship: students who give their time to benefit their school and community

9th grade: Cullen McDermott

Nominating Teacher: Tom Kelley & Ian Truman

Mr. Kelley said: Cullen is a model student and citizen, polite and responsible. He made an amazing and hilarious video for his health class. He accomplished the learning target while being creative and having fun. He has perseverance.

Mr. Truman said: Cullen is a model student academically and is also of the most polite and nicest boys anyone on our team can remember working with. He is a class act, a joy to be around. Cullen is typically the one student in class who turns in his work on or before the due date. He also approaches every teacher at the end of class and wishes them to have a good day.

10th grade: Cora Pierce

Nominating teachers: Brewster Burns and Pete Toohey

Cora makes everyone she sits with feel like they are an important part of the class. We have seating charts that change every few weeks and we never worry about who we sit Cora with because all the students in the class like her. She is incredibly kind and she makes the class room a better place.

We had a new student and as we were switching the seats around she spoke to us and asked if she could sit with Cora because she was so nice and made her feel like she wasn't a new kid with no friends. The really neat part is that I don't think Cora even knows how much other kids like her and how much of a difference she makes in their lives. She is a real leader in our class by including her peers, whomever it is.

11th grade: Cole Pulkkinen

Nominating Teacher: Craig Blanchard

Cole is in my AP World History class, and he has struggled in the beginning but did not give up. Instead of asking to drop the class, he worked hard to change his study habits and attitude. He completed all work on time for January, made an awesome presentation to the entire class, and came to class before the bell each day! I have been really pleased with his change in attitude and believe that should be recognized. I look forward to see how he does as we move into the second half of the year.

12th grade: Emily Cummings

Nominating Teacher: Jennifer Rennie

Emily is an excellent student and a good human being. She is thoughtful and kind, a hard worker, and a great example of what good citizenship should look like. She is devoted to the swim team, student council, and her studies. I cannot recommend her highly enough. I have

recently witnessed a number of interactions between Emily and members of our community where she has represented OHCHS in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner. If she is ever frustrated, she does not show it. She holds her head high and remains positive, always. I am so proud to be her teacher, and so grateful that she is a member of our community.