



Rotary

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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 61st day of 2022. There are 304 days remaining in the year. This morning we will be having two classification talks. Ron Morse is our scheduled 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:

7 – Board Meeting at the South Paris town office at 5:30 PM.

9 – District New Member Orientation Program via Zoom, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

9 – March Students of the Month and Ed Millett

16 – Evening Meeting and [Liz Knox](#)

26 – Community Spaghetti Dinner, South Paris Fire Station

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Our visiting Rotarians were AG Michele Cole from Bethel and our guest speaker, Dr. Susan Black, from Brunswick. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Alice Paul reminded us that February is Rotary's birthday, now 117 years since it was started in 1905. With February being World Understanding and Peace month, the pursuit of global peace and understanding has always been at the forefront of Rotary's goals. These last couple of years have been a different and difficult time. We need to think about love and hugs for the world.

Announcements:

Co-President Peter told us that Patty Rice has picked up a minor case of Covid which we hope continued to be minor and that she has now completely recovered.

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 had technical difficulties, so his hosting duties were turned over to Co-President Peter who led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Susan Black from the Brunswick Rotary. She talked about her career in the medical field, working in private practice in Lowell, Massachusetts for many years. In the early 2000's, she attended an International Aids conference in South Africa where she met a young woman from Brunswick working for Partners in Health. Dr. Black ended up staying in South Africa for 5 years working with Aids patients. At that time, mothers with Aids were placed in hospice and their children went to an orphanage. During this time, the Brunswick club funded a water tower for the village of Kigutu, Burundi. This water tower has 5 outlets in the village dedicated for different purposes, such as drinking water, doing laundry and so on. The availability of clean water has saved four lives per week. Now Dr. Black is working to purchase an ambulance for the hospital that has been built. Brunswick has received an international grant of \$8,500.00 toward the purchase of an ambulance and now needs to raise \$18,000.00 from local clubs. Dr. Black presented a very interesting slide show and talk, of which I have only scratched the surface here.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

John had a sad dollar or two for his trip to Florida being delayed until April due to his being called for jury duty in March.

Frank was happy to tell us that he and Connie have their tickets for Rome, Italy, leaving on May 3rd. They will be spending some time with their daughter and son-in-law in Rome and then will head to their rental for a couple of weeks of sightseeing on their own.

Dan H. had a happy dollar for his 1st grandchild celebrating his 1st birthday recently.

AG Michele Cole was happy to be with us and for the great program Dr. Black put on.

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. – 3/27

The Rotary Theme for March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

“Water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the alleviation of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being.

~ United Nations ~

Pun for the Week:

“Do you expect to laugh at a pun?”
“No, but they’ve groan on me.”

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