

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, March 29, 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.”

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 88th day of 2023. There are 277 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is our program chair this week and Patty Rice 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.

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 – Chris Summers and Ron Morse

26 – Val Weston and Liz Knox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

I don't have a sign-in sheet but don't recall that we had any guests or visiting Rotarians. Apologies if we did. Frank and Joel joined us on Zoom.

Announcements:

Beth Abbott – There is still time to sell tickets for the Chili and Chowder Drive-thru on Saturday. The supplies are in so we are set there. There will be lots of tasks to do beforehand, so if you signed up to help, we will be meeting at noon to get set up.

I am sure Beth will be giving us an update on Wednesday.

Curtis Cole – there will be a Membership committee meeting after our regular meeting next (now this) Wednesday. If anyone is interested in participating, please feel free to join in.

Lastly, I am sure everyone has heard by now that Charter Member and PP David Whittier passed away last week at his home in Texas at age 80. I have copied his obituary which is at the end of the Reader.

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 “If you're happy and you know it.....” And Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Program Chair Patty Rice introduced Lanie Whittemore who has opened the Victorian on Main at 230 Main St, formerly Smokin' Dave's. Lanie was born in South Paris and attended school here before moving away to pursue her career, which she did for fifteen years. During that time, she also became interested investing in real estate and has purchased a number of rental properties locally. When the 230 Main St. property became available, she thought it would be a wonderful building to revitalize and use as destination venue for bridal showers, weddings, birthday parties, seminars and community events, among other things. Lanie has also started a “Speakeasy” on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM with live music performances. There is a \$5 cover charge and 10% of the proceeds will benefit local non-profits. I believe she also said that if you bring new socks (and underwear?) to donate to the Pink Feather Foundation, the cover charge is waived. A cash bar is also provided. Check the website for more info: www.thevictorian230main.com.

 Happy and Sad Dollars 

Dave was sorry he missed last week due to his knee surgery and sorry (maybe not so much) that he will miss next week as he and Becky are going on a cruise.

Chris was happy to have a new tractor, which unfortunately, showed up the day after the last snow storm. Just think of how much fun you are going to have going forward, though. (ed.)

50/50 – Lynne drew Beth’s number but Beth drew the Jack of Diamonds, not the King of Clubs. Ah, well... There was \$160 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

If you are cold, you should go stand in a corner. After all, it’s 90 degrees.

Fun Fact:

Brussels (Belgian) waffles became world famous during the New York World’s Fair in 1964. As many as 2,500 waffles with whipped cream and strawberries were served to visitors each day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The Birth Month Flower for March is the Daffodil

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 – 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

PALMVIEW, Texas / HEBRON – David Q. Whittier, at the age of 80, passed away at Retama Manor, Edinburg, Texas on March 14, 2023.

He was born to Quentin Whittier and Jeannette Wilson Whittier of Auburn. David graduated from Edward Little High School, University of Maine, and University of Maine Law School. He then opened his own law practice in South Paris and gave legal services to the Oxford Hills for 40 years.

David was involved in many service organizations, serving a leading role in each; National Ski Patrol, Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Hills Rotary Club, Hebron Buckfield Rescue, Hebron Town Council, Hebron Fire Department, Signal Point Marina Association, the Good Sam Club and the Maine State Bar Association. His greatest honor was to serve as President of the Maine State Bar Association.

David had a big heart, always helping others. David enjoyed boating on the coast of Maine. He and his wife took his boat, the Ms Demeanor, down the coast to Georgia. After retiring, David and his wife lived full-time in their camper, traveling from Maine to Georgia to Texas and back, following the sun. Bentsen Grove Resort, their winter home, became a permanent home three years ago.

David is survived by his wife, Kathy; a son, Brett Whittier of Tampa, Fla.; his brother, Ted Whittier, of Placida, Fla.; a stepson, Aaron Mathews of Chandler, Ariz., a stepdaughter, Beth Munsen of Pownal; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at First Congregational Church, 17 East Main St., South Paris.

Funeral services are under the direction of Legacy Chapels in Edinburg, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to

Doctors Without Borders



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