



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 Morning and Welcome! Today is the 89th day of 2022. There are 276 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Shawn Wells, the new store manager at the Oxford Hannaford. Dan Hart is scheduled to be 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.

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

16 – District 7780 Training Session at the University of New England – 7:45 AM to 1:30 PM.

27 – George Rice and Dan Allen

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Becky Kaurup read us this quote from Arch Klumpf: “No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: What Rotary will be tomorrow depends on what we Rotarians do today.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Bonnie Gould from the Ossipee, NH, Rotary Club was our only visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests. We were joined on Zoom by Frank, Beth, Tally, Joel, Tina and Lynne.

Announcements:

Co-President Chris talked about something that has been a topic of discussion at the last couple of board meetings, and that is the cost of breakfast and what it means to our finances. We currently have to pay for a minimum of 25 attendees every week. With Covid and Zoom, our weekly in person attendance has been between 16 and 20 – sometimes more, sometimes less. As an example, a couple of weeks ago, we only had 10 members in person but had to pay for 25, a difference of \$120.00 between what we collected and what we paid out. We have a \$2.00 cushion in the cost of our weekly breakfast, but it is not adequate to cover the continued losses we have had the last couple of years. Chris mentioned a few things that we might want to think about to relieve this pressure – charging members who Zoom, pre-paying for breakfast monthly, paying for our meals as part of our dues, eliminate breakfast and just have coffee and donuts, etc. Chris asked us to think about some of these ideas or propose other ideas that the board can discuss and bring back to the club.

While it’s not time to put these events in the monthly calendar, please keep them in mind.

May Day Play Day – Saturday, May 7

OHHS Top Students – Wednesday, June 1

Senior Picnic – Wednesday, June 8 (for prep) and Thursday, June 9, for the picnic.

Community Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, June 18, at the South Paris Fire Station.

Last Week:

Co-President Chris led the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis Cole gave the blessing. Before giving the announcements, Chris handed out Perfect Attendance Awards to Patty Rice for 29 years, Ron Morse for 9 years and Dan Hart for 3 years – although Dan has likely way more than that. The three years is just with our club.

Program Chair Alice Paul introduced her friend and guest speaker, Joyce Richmond. Joyce is a Gold Star Mother and is very active with Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America. In her role as a Gold Star Mother, she volunteers her time to help Veterans with their needs and finding the programs available to them. She said that most Veterans now are Viet Nam veterans, with some from the Korean War and a very few from WWII. She told many stories of Veterans and what they faced when they came home. The most

important thing she said was that we need to thank all of our Veterans and in her work, she always asks if she can give the Veterans she meets a hug with the thank-you, which she said means so much to them.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty had a happy \$20 for the PHF given to her sister, Barbara. They had a family get together and presented it to her then. It was a fun day.

Warren was happy for his and his wife's get together in Virginia with their daughter and son, the first time they have been together in several years. Unfortunately, after only a short time at home, his daughter was sent back to Iraq for another tour of duty.

Chis was happy to finally have his Air BNB ready to go.

Bonnie Gould had a happy to be with us dollar.

George reminded everyone about the upcoming District Training Assembly on April 16.

50/50 Drawing – Our guest speaker, Joyce Richmond, drew Ron Morse's ticket, but Ron did not draw the King of Clubs.

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

“Water and Sanitation is one of the primary drivers of public health. I often refer to it as ‘Health 101’ which means that once we can secure access to clean water and to adequate sanitation facilities for all people, irrespective of the difference in their living conditions, a huge battle against all kinds of diseases will be won.”

~ Dr. Lee Jong-wook ~

Pun for the Week:

A fellow asked a friend of his why he had so many funny Japanese Jpegs and videos on his Facebook page. His friend replied that a company in Tokyo pays him to post them. "Sometimes the Yens justify the Memes."

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