

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.”

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

Welcome and Good Morning! Today is the 67th day of 2023. There are 298 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Chris Summers 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.

March:

15 – Evening Meeting with Lynne Schott as program chair and Bob Schott as greeter.

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:

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Alisha Berry was the guest of Beth Abbott. Alice, Frank, Dan H., Tina and Joel joined us on Zoom. President George also told h

Rotary Moment:

Not sure that I have this completely right but here goes. Greeter Warren Spencer related a story about his being a Rotarian for 41 years. A couple of weeks ago, he was in his old home town for a visit and the subject of Rotary came up in a conversation, about the differences between then and now, and that perhaps being in Rotary 41 years was long enough, which interestingly is the length of time Warren and Susan have been married. At this point, Warren's 11 year old nephew spoke up and wanted to know if Warren was going to leave Aunt Susan, as, well, if 41 years is long enough to be in Rotary, maybe it's long enough to be married to one person.

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 – has the tickets and posters available for the Chili and Chowder Drive-thru on Saturday, March 25. There are 100 for chili and 100 for chowder. If we sell all 200, we will make about \$1,000.00 for our scholarship fund. Tickets will be pre-sold so we have an accurate count. Please see Beth to pick up however many tickets you think you can sell.

Dan Hart – we will be having an evening social meeting on March 15. A sign-up sheet has been e-mailed; if you plan to attend, please make your reservation and pay for your dinner(s) at this week's meeting or get your reservation to Dan by Monday morning, March 13, at the latest so he can notify Linda and the kitchen crew. The cost is \$20 per person. Dinner will be chicken cordon-bleu.

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 song and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Program Chair Dave Preble introduced father and son, Mark and Eli Soehern. Mark has been the OHCHS football coach for the last 12 years, and his son Elias, is a senior who has been playing for his dad during his high school career. In fact, Eli won the Fitzpatrick Trophy this year and both Mark and Eli are first time OHCHS Maine state football champions. In addition, the championship game was Mark's 50th win as coach.

Eli gave a quick over view of the season highlights and told us he is going to be attending Colby College and playing football there. Coach Mark related his talk to the Rotary 4-Way Test, emphasizing how much coaching has to do with the tenets of the test. One of his prime goals to coaching is to eliminate selfishness – in which a player cares more about his own stats than the team as a whole. Players must play for the team and not themselves.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan A. was happy for the longer days we are now seeing.

Bob and **Lynne** are going to the basketball tournament in Augusta to see their niece (I think) play. Bob was also happy to spend some time skiing with their grandchildren.

Dave told us that he hasn't been able to ski for a while now but is having knee surgery next (now this) week which should put him in good shape for next year. He was also happy to have Mark and Elia Soehren with us.

50/50 – Bob drew Liz's number, but Liz drew the Ace of Spades. There was \$129 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

Have you heard about the fascinating new book about the best basement ever? It's going to be a best cellar.

And for those of us old enough to remember – Can you believe it:

40 years ago on February 28, 1983 – More than 60% of U.S. TV-owning households watched the final episode of the TV series MASH. The series finale boasted a 77% share of the Nielsen ratings during its original airing.

40 years ago on March 2, 1983 - compact disc players and music CDs made their debut in the United States and United Kingdom. The products were released in Japan the previous year.

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

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