

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, April 12, 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.”

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## 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

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 102nd day of 2023. There are 263 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the April Students of the Month and their guests with us. Alice Paul 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](mailto: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:

**15 – District Assembly at Westbrook High School, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM**

**19 – Warren Spencer and Ron Morse**

**26 – Val Weston and Liz Knox. Val’s guest speaker will be Sherri Otterson who will be talking about her new venture, Dragon Boating.**

## May:

**3 – Beth Abbott and Peter Kaurup**

**10 – May Students of the Month and Becky Kaurup**

**13 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00PM**

**17 – Dan Allen and Dan Hart**

**21 – Road Toll for Ukraine by the tennis courts on Fair St., 10:00 AM – 2:00**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox and Mike Carter was the guest of Dave Preble. Joel Speakman and Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Dave Preble talked about Rotary and eradicating polio. Rotary set the goal to eradicate polio 40 years ago but there are still cases in Pakistan where women are playing a key role as they are able to knock on doors to offer the vaccination where men are not allowed.

### *Proposed Member:*

Pastor Mike Carter has been proposed for membership by Curtis Cole. His classification is minister. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

### *Announcements:*

*President George, PE Beth and Tina* met with Floyd Thayer from the Oxford County Fair to discuss our participating in parking and ticket sales at the fair in September. Several proposed changes are under consideration which should make the job(s) easier. The Fair paid us quite well for this last year and the consensus of the club was that we should continue.

*Tina Fox* – there was a planning meeting for May Day Play Day in Tina’s room at OHCHS on April 11, so planning is underway. The Interact Club will be helping out again this year.

*President George* – Lobsters for Scholars tickets are available for sale. We are selling 150 tickets for two drawings of 75, with the grand prize being a lobster dinner for 12 people at a site chosen by the winner. We will be drawing the winners at our last meeting in May.

George also told us that we received a thank-you from Honor Flight Maine for our \$500 donation. They included some volunteer sheets if anyone is interested in helping out. There are many opportunities available.

*Beth Abbott* – reminded us that the District Training Assembly is on Saturday, April 15. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in attending. The club will pay the entry fee.

**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 Chris Summers introduced South Paris Town Manager, Dawn Noyes, Town Assessor, Cindy Namer and Parks and Recreation Director, Candace Jack. Dawn Noyes began by thanking us for the work we did on the Moore Park gazebo and that there are now cameras in the park which has helped keep vandalism in check. She told us that the town is looking at applying for a “Street Scapes” Community Development Block grant which they hope to use to put some new benches and ADA compliant picnic tables in the park. They are also hoping to improve the River Front Park on Paris Hill Road and possibly installing a Pickle Ball court since that sport has become so popular. Cindy Namer talked about her experience writing grants and the importance of community outreach, citizen participation and sustainability as it pertains to this grant. Candace Jack talked about her goals for improving both parks, stating that she would like to bring back “old school charm” to South Paris. She said she is always looking for donations and that there are a lot of volunteer opportunities working in the parks.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan A. had an apology dollar for his phone going off.

Frank was happy for baseball season starting, with the Rays being undefeated. He also proposed having a rally for the Rays in Moore Park when he and Connie are here in August.

Dave told us that he and Becky and their friends had a great vacation in the Caribbean last week.

Pastor Mike Carter was happy for some students from the church heading to Guatemala this week and that he was taking a group of students to Japan next week.

Patty had happy dollars for the Bethel club’s breakfast last Saturday. The food was delicious and it was a beautiful venue.

**50/50 – Val drew Lynne’s number but she drew the Ace of Clubs. The pot was up to \$178.**

### *Pun for the Week or A/KA Bad Dad Joke:\*\**

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite

### *The Rotary Theme for April is Maternal and Child Health:*

“ Investing in children is not a national luxury or national choice. It’s a national necessity. If the foundation of your house is crumbling, you don’t say you can’t afford to fix it while you are building astronomically expensive fences to protect it from outside forces. The issue is not are we going to pay – it’s are we going to pay now, up front, or are we going to pay a whole lot more later on.”

~ Marian Wright Edelman ~

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**April Birthdays** – Joel Speakman – 4/7; George Rice – 4/12; Alice Paul – 4/17; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike Morin – 4/26; Michael (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

**April Wedding Anniversaries** – None listed

**April Membership Anniversaries** – The Progress Center – 1 yr. – 4/11

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://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](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School