

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
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**Wednesday, April 19, 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 109th day of 2023. There are 256 days remaining in the year. Warren Spencer is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Russ Gentile, VP of Columbia Funds, Northeast. Ron Morse 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:

**22 – Roadside pick-up, Lake Rd., Norway, 9:30 AM – Noon.**

**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**

**24 – Leanna Bowie and John Griffith**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the April Students of the Month and their parents. Frank Shorey and Joel Speakman joined us on Zoom.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Alice Paul talked about Interact and the role it plays in Rotary. Interact was founded in 1962 and has grown to 15,000 clubs. One of its purposes is to inspire the next generation to community service. Tina has been our Interact club advisor since 2015 and thanks to her for taking on this role.

### *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, Interact Advisor Tina and Secretary John Griffith* attended the District Training Assembly at Westbrook High School on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Tina did two presentations on Youth Services and Interact which I am sure we well received. John attended sessions on Public Image, Secretary duties, Visioning and Vertical Harvest. The Public Image and Vertical Harvest sessions were very interesting and informative. The Secretary and Visioning sessions were very basic and did not provide him with much additional information. Perhaps George, Tina and Beth can tell us about their time and thoughts about the Assembly.

*Tina Fox* – Planning for May Day Play Day continues. The hours will be from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 13, the day before Mother's Day. Interact is working on getting an inflatable obstacle course which will take up a lot of space in the gym. We are also soliciting businesses for prizes. We plan to set up as much as we can on Friday evening, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

*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. See George for tickets.

We still have volunteer sheets for Honor Flight Maine if anyone is interested in helping out. There are many opportunities available.

*Peter Kaurup* - We will be supporting Earth Day this Saturday, April 22nd by conducting a roadside trash pickup from 9:30 am until 1200 noon. Our work area will be in Norway along Route 118 from the Gingerbread House to Harrison Road. Please bring work gloves, a safety vest and a trash picker. (if you have one) and wear sturdy shoes. Please park off of Crockett Ridge Road.

We hope to see you there! Please contact me with any questions.

Lastly, I am sad to announce that Dan Allen's brother passed away last Saturday morning. I don't have any other details at this time.

**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 "Happy Birthday" to President George and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Our program was the April Students of the Month. Tina did a brief introduction to the program for the parents and students. Lynne, Val, Dave and Tina introduced the students and presented them with their plaques, after which, President George talked about Rotary and presented the students with a Rotary 4-Way Test key chain. The student write-ups are at the end of the Reader.

### **😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊**

**Paul** had happy to be back dollars and happy that Dawne came back with him. He also said we need to be thinking about gathering items for the auction and if we are going to have one or will continue with internet sales. Lastly, he was happy for Rotary.

**Tina** had thank-you dollars for the parents and students. Also that she and Charlie hosted 25 family members for Easter.

**Alice** had happy to be here dollars.

**Bob** said he was bending Curtis's arm to get him to go skiing once more; that he enjoyed his walk along Kennebunk beach and that he was happy for the OHCHS basketball teams.

**50/50 – One of our Students of the Month, Alicia Cabana, drew Alisha Berry's number. However, Alisha didn't draw the King of Clubs. Guessing there was about \$190.00 in the pot.**

### **Riddle Me This:**

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

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

“Creating a world that is truly fit for children does not imply simply the absence of war. It means having the confidence that our children would not die of measles or malaria. It means having access to clean water and proper sanitation. It means having primary schools nearby that educate children free of charge. It means changing the world with children, ensuring their right to participate, and that their views are heard and considered. It means building a world fit for children, where every child can grow to adulthood in health, peace and dignity.”

~ Carol Bellamy ~

**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

## **April Students of the Month**

**Theme:** Respect and Integrity: Students who demonstrate consideration for others and who exhibit excellent character traits such as kindness, honesty, loyalty, respect, and responsibility.

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade: Lexx Almeida**

Nominating Staff: Cindi Kugell

Lexx is a fantastic student. He is enthusiastic and hard working. He always tries his best and is a great addition to period 2 adaptive art this year. Lexx was working with tissue paper today and encouraging his table partners to continue working even when the project took a long time. He was a kind friend to one of his classmates that got frustrated at the end of the project, but he reacted with kindness. I'm really proud of the skill and patience that Lexx has shown in art class this semester.

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade: Alicia Cabana**

Nominating Staff: Sarah Wielki and Megan Dodge

Sarah states: Alicia is always bright, cheerful and extremely courteous and polite. Alicia stops in to visit with us and it is always wonderful to see her!

Megan Dodge says: Alicia takes pride and ownership in everything that she does. She always asks questions and goes above and beyond with her work, making sure it is completed and accurate. She is kind and can always make people smile and laugh. She is honest in every situation that she faces, even when it is challenging. She is a loyal student and classmate, and I can always count on her for anything that I might need. She is a leader among her peers, and I can't wait to see what more she accomplishes.

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade: Madelaine Miller**

Nominating Staff: Kayla McGee

Maddy is driven, focused and always willing to help teachers and peers. She been an asset to the Junior Class fundraising efforts. Between the classroom, the fields/court and extracurricular Maddy is most deserving to be recognized for always going above and beyond. Maddy is always willing to help with fundraising efforts and anything our student council may need her to support with even though she is not an officer. Maddy is very kind and understanding to all her peers, she always has a smile on her face wherever she goes.

**12<sup>th</sup> grade: Allegra Meagher**

Nominating Staff: Lydia Grover

Allegra always has her work done on time and done well. Her participation in class is exemplary and she isn't afraid to ask for help or extra practice if she needs it. She always helps her classmates if they ask for assistance, and I have never heard her speak ill of another student. Allegra has stayed after school every possible day for the last two weeks to work on her Precalculus & College Algebra assignments, so that she can be certain she understands everything. She also requested a second copy of the unit review (in addition to the optional practice test) to be sure she was ready for the test.