

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, April 26, 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 116th day of 2023. There are 249 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Sherri Otterson, who will be talking about her new venture, Dragon Boating. Liz Knox 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.

## 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

31 – Top Students and Tina Fox

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Frank, Joel and Dan Hart joined us on Zoom.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Ron Morse talked about the Rotary Code of Conduct.

### *Announcements:*

*President George* expressed the club's sympathy to Dan Allen on the passing of his brother, John, last weekend. He also told us that Glenn Huntley is having back surgery tomorrow in Florida. Our thoughts are with both Dan and Glenn this week.

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.

*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>. There will be a planning meeting in Tina's room A220 on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

*Peter, Becky, Dave, Becky, Paul, John and Beth* worked on Earth Day, Saturday morning, doing a roadside clean-up on the Lake Rd. from about White's Marina down to the Marina by the Lake Store. We filled the bed of Paul's truck with the trash we picked up.

**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 "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in round form. Curtis gave the blessing.

George called Curtis up front and presented him with his Paul Harris +2 pin. Congratulations Curtis!

Program chair Warren Spencer's guest speaker was not able to speak to us due to coming down due to his and his family coming down with Covid after their vacation, so Warren took the stage. He talked about his banking career and later switch to working in investment banking. He talked about how much banking has changed through the years and the reasons why banking today is the way it is – for better and for worse.

## ☺ Happy and Sad Dollars ☺

Dan A. had \$83 happy dollars in tribute to his brother, John. He told us he was the last Allen standing.

Warren was happy to be back in the audience after he talk.

Tina had happy dollars for her sister who is recovering from surgery.

Bob announced that he achieved his goal of skiing for 50 days this ski season. In fact, he said Sunday would be day #51.

**50/50 – Bob drew Dan A.’s number but Dan didn’t draw the King of Clubs.  
There was \$189 in the pot.**

## Funny for the week:

Recently, the Institute of Unfinished Research concluded that 6 out of 10 people....

## The Rotary Code of Conduct:

### As a Rotarian, I will:

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people’s quality of life in my community and in the world
- Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

## 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