

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 95th day of 2023. There are 270 days remaining in the year. PP Chris Summers is program chair this morning and Dave Preble is 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.

April:

12 – April Students of the Month and Alice Paul

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

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox and Alisha Berry was the guest of Patty Rice. Joel Speakman and Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment – actually, 2 this week:

Lynne's moment from 3/22 – From the March Rotary magazine – A winter gathering in northern Germany starts with a walk and culminates in a kale dinner, called a Gunkohfahrt. This month, two Rotary clubs meet to play an outdoor sport called Boblen or road bowling, before heading out to eat kale at a nice restaurant, an annual tradition between the two clubs.

Patty's moment for this week was a reminder about the District Training Assembly at Westbrook High School on Saturday, April 15. The cost to attend is \$25 and the club will pay the fee. The Assembly starts at 8:00 with a continental breakfast and continues until the early afternoon with a lunch break. There will be 4 sessions with 8 options per breakout, so there will be something for everyone.

Proposed Member:

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:

Beth Abbott – the Chili and Chowder Drive-thru went well, although we didn't sell as many tickets as we hoped we would. The Casino donated almost everything, including the chili, chowder, cheese, sour cream and so on. Hannaford donated the bags. We made around \$1,100.00. Thanks to all who helped out. We do have some left overs so need to figure out what to do with them.

Stan Brett – we have a tent rental scheduled for June at the Alan Day Community Garden.

Tina Fox – two meetings scheduled which will happen before this Reader goes out, one for May Day Play Day and another with the Oxford County Fair. I'm sure Tina will update us this week.

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 our coffee mug song after Alisha Berry was inducted into the club and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

President George handed out perfect attendance awards to himself for 29 years, Patty Rice for 30 years, Stan Brett for 27 years, Beth Abbott for 20 years and Dan Hart for 4 years –

George also inducted Alisha Berry as our newest member. Alisha works with Emma Bodwell and thus was quite familiar with Rotary through her. Alisha lives in South Paris and is looking forward to helping out with our projects and events. Congratulations Alisha! We are very happy to have you as a member of OH Rotary.

Prior to George inducting Alisha, Leanna Bowie gave her classification talk. She was born in Massachusetts but the family moved to Otisfield when she was very young. She has 6 siblings, so there were 7 kids in the family in total. She realized she was artistic at a young age and took all of the art classes she could in school and went to college for graphic design. While in college, she worked at Subway and Aroma Joe's. She met her husband, Ben, in college and for a time, they had to drive 5 hours one way to see each other. Leanna started at Wheeler Insurance in the fall of 2020 after meeting with Mike Newsome, who she considers her mentor. Since starting in the insurance business, she has taken many courses to improve her knowledge and is now working in marketing at the agency. She said she loves working at Wheeler's and is very impressed with their community involvement and support. She loves volunteering and is excited about joining Rotary. While her career was progressing, she and Ben bought a house and got married. Outside of Rotary, work and home, she is coaching the middle school cheer leaders.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan H. - had \$5 happy dollars for Leanna and her great classification talk.

Patty - had some happy dollars to welcome Alisha to the club. She also told the story of how the newest calf at the Rice Farm came to be known as Prince. It was quite a story.

Dan A. – was grateful to see everyone and being as “old” as he is, getting to watch those younger than he is grow.

50/50 – Val drew Chris's number but Chris drew the Ace of Spades. There was \$170 in the pot.

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

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bay-gulls.

Trivia:

What do the following have in common?

- Game
- Cereal
- Magazine

(Answer on the bottom of the last page).

The Rotary Theme for April is Maternal and Child Health:

The welfare and future of our societies depend on our capacity to remain mobilized so as to improve the health of every mother and child.

~ Jean Ping ~

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

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

The answer to Trivia is Life: The Game of Life – Life Cereal – Life Magazine