

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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Wednesday, May 10, 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.”

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 130th day of 2023. There are 235 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. Becky Kaurup 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.

May:

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

17 – Dan Allen and Dan Hart. Dan A.’s guest speaker is Paris Town Manager, Dawn Noyes.

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

24 – Leanna Bowie and John Griffith. Leanna’s guests will be the OHCHS State Championship Cheerleaders.

31 – Top Students and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Jeff Noblin from Point Pleasant, West Virginia and Barry Roderick from Dr. Phillips Rotary in Orlando, Florida were our visiting Rotarians. Joel Speakman joined us on Zoom and I think Frank Shorey tried to join on Zoom but was not able to connect.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Peter Kaurup found some words of wisdom to share with us: **"Rotary has to fit in with Rotarians, not the other way around, and sometimes we forget that. We come as we are, and we do what we can."**

Proposed Member:

Jeff Noblin from the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Rotary has been proposed by President George Rice. His classification will be "Hospital Administration." He comes to us with 22 years of Rotary experience. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

President George thanked Peter Kaurup for organizing the roadside clean-up last Saturday. It was very successful. He also told us about the board meeting on Monday night, May 1, at which the board voted to support Friends Forever, \$500.00; Gardner's Growing Healthy Families, \$250.00; Camp Susan Curtis, \$500.00 for their book program and the establishment of a food pantry at the south campus of Oxford Hills Middle School for \$1,000.00.

Also, don't forget Lobsters for Scholars. If you need tickets to sell, please see George. So far, we have only sold about 50 tickets, not quite half way to our 150 goal by the end of May.

PE Beth told us that we still have some fish chowder and chili left from the Chili and Chowder Fest. It is frozen in the bags that it came in. We would like \$20 per bag for either. If you would like to purchase some, please let Beth know. Both were delicious, so if you didn't have any at the Fest, now's your chance.

Stan Brett – in addition to the tent we set up for MDPD, we have three tents to set on Thursday, May 11, on Cottage St. I'm sure we will have more specific information at our meeting 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 song and Curtis gave the blessing.

George presented John, Dan A., Dave and Ron with EREY stickers for their badges.

Program chair Beth Abbott used her time to talk about May Day Play Day. Things are progressing well and we should be in good shape. We plan to start preparing on Friday night, May 12 around 5:00 PM. We will be setting a tent outside as well. We will be having face painting, sand art, pounding nails into wood and large blow-up obstacle course. Wal-Mart is donating cookies and decorations for them so the kids can design their own, and we expect to have emergency vehicles from Norway, Paris and Oxford. We will also

be giving out bike helmets and pads that were donated to us that must be used before their time is up. Aroma Joe's is donating coffee for the adults and we will be popping popcorn and grilling hot dogs. Let's hope for great weather and a great turn-out.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Patty had \$39 happy dollars for her 39 years with Austin Associates.

Alice had happy dollars for a wonderful weekend in Vermont with her husband.

Curtis told us that Terry is doing well after her hip surgery.

John gave us an update on Glenn, saying that he is feeling good.

Bob was feeling sad because he missed some huge water flows on the river.

50/50 – Paul drew his own number but he didn't draw the King of Clubs from the deck. I did not note how large the pot was, but I believe it is approaching \$200, if not more.

Pun for the week:

That new book about poltergeists is just flying off the shelves.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

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:

May Birthdays – Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

May Wedding Anniversaries – Peter & Becky Kaurup – 5/16; Dan & Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 5/23

May Membership Anniversaries – Lynne Schott – 19 yrs. – 5/4

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