



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

**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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### 2021-2022 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780  
Governor: Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland – Oxford Hills Rotary Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers  
– Pres. Elect: George Rice – Vice-president: Beth Abbott - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past pres.: Lynne Schott – Club Service Chair: George Rice – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 131st day of 2022. There are 234 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. George Rice is filling in as greeter for Val Weston who cannot be with us this week.

**Calendar:** The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter. Please let Reader editor John Griffith 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:

**12 – Scholarship committee meeting at South Paris Town Office, 4:30 PM.**

**14 – District Conference at Sable Oaks in South Portland, a one day event.**

**18 – Evening Meeting** and **Paul Thornfeldt**

**25 – Patty Rice** and **Warren Spencer**

## June:

1 – Top Students and Lynne Schott

6 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM

8 – Bob Schott and Bob Schott

8 – Prep work for Senior Class Picnic

9 – Senior Class picnic at Fairgrounds

15 – Evening Meeting and Patty Rice

## Rotary Moment:

Beth's 'Rotary Moment' was promoting our club's May Day Play Day activity at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on Saturday, May 7th.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests. We had 14 members in attendance and 5 joining on Zoom.

## Announcements:

\* *Dan Hart* shared the future schedule and status of our Wednesday Evening Club Dinner Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th at 5:30 PM Menu - Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potatoes, Salad & Dessert to be announced.

> **NO** Evening Club Dinner Meetings in June, July and August.

> Resume Wednesday Evening Club Dinner Meetings on **Wed. September 21st** and **Wed. October 19th**.

> **NO** Evening Club Dinner Meetings in November and December.

\* *George Rice* shared that every club member has Lobster Door Prizes raffle tickets to sell. 100 raffle tickets were printed and distributed. Raffle tickets are to be turned into George by Wednesday May 25th.

George also announced the District 7780's District Conference is at the Portland Sable Oaks on Saturday May 14th. Registration is \$100 per person.

\* *Dan Hart* announced the club's Class of 2022 Oxford Hills Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee is meeting on Thursday, May 12th, 4:30 PM at the Paris Town Office. 16 applications will be reviewed for seven scholarship recipients.

\* *Paul Thornfeldt* talked about the status and items for our club's Yard Sale, scheduled for Saturday, July 9th at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Paul mentioned about contacting our respective auto dealerships in donation of a used car, as well as several members emphasized that we solicit gift cards from businesses.

\* *Dan Hart* announced the board of directors do support our club having a social gathering at a baseball game, at the Portland Sea Dogs. Dan shared two dates: Saturday, July 16th and Saturday, August 6th 6:00 PM, seating in the Picnic Area. \$20.00 per person including an “All You Can Eat” plan. Club took a vote on the date and Saturday, July 16th was tops, with Saturday, August 6th in case of a rain date. UPDATE: Since our Wed. May 4th club meeting vote, Dan checked with Sea Dogs Tickets Manager who shared that both Saturday July 16th and August 6th seats in the Picnic Area are sold out. The alternate seating would be in the Pavilion Area in Right Field. Our other option is to look at attending Friday, July 15th or Friday, August 5th with plenty of seating in the Picnic Area as well as having fireworks. A motion for another vote on when to attend a Sea Dogs game will be done at our Wednesday, May 11th.

### *Last Week:*

Co-President Chris led the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis gave the blessing.

Ron Morse, our club’s oldest member gave his Classification Talk. Ron was born in Lewiston Maine on February 24, 1937. He lived in Norway with his parents, grandmother and brother. Ron’s father was a superintendent of a shirt factory in Norway that had 300 employees.

Ron had several jobs growing up in Norway. He delivered newspapers to 40 customers. Ron's first job was stocking goods in a grocery store next to Norway High School. Ron later worked at Oxford Plains Speedway selling soft drinks. Later in high school Ron worked at Howard Johnson’s Restaurant at the causeway in Naples. Ron played on the football team at Norway High School who were Class M State Champs.

Ron graduated from Norway High School in 1955. He and Laura married in Dec. 1955 and were apart, with Ron attending Keene State College in N.H. and Laura studying lab tech training in Portland. Ron did his student teaching at Rochester, New Hampshire. Ron’s first teaching position was as an Industrial Arts Teacher at Somersworth High School in Somersworth, Connecticut. He also coached football and track.

Two years later, Ron took a teaching position with Connecticut Institute in Lynchfield, CT. a residential center for emotional boys. The institute had a vocational center, a farm and a culinary food program. Ron became the Director of Education/Principal and under his leadership tenure, the school increased to nine programs and constructed a new education building.

Ron has three sons and one daughter - Natalie. Ron has always been community minded, during his years in Connecticut, being an active with the Elks Club that had the largest membership in the state of CT. - 1600 members! Ron became President of a Child and Families Organization in North Weston, CT. Ron and his family lived in CT. but summered for over 40 years at their family camp on Norway Lake. Ron later joined the Oxford Hills Rotary Club and was a former club president, a Paul Harris Fellow and long-time “The Cheese Man” for organizing the sale of cheese wheels.

*😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊*

*Patty* had a sad dollar for the fire at the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway. (They lost the south wing of the building with 75 rooms and there was water damage in the main building which included the lobby

and restaurant. The north wing, indoor water park and associated other buildings were not damaged. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries among the guests or firefighters – *ed.*)

50/50 – Warren’s ticket was drawn but he didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$7.00 in the pot.

### **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 – 18 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 4 yrs. – 5/9; Joel Speakman – 11 yrs. 5/17.

### **Pun for the Week:**

Have you heard of the new organization for doctors who love fluffy black and white dogs?  
It’s called “Doctors without Border Collies.”

### **Make-Ups:**

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

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

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot 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

Before attending one of these meeting, be sure to check with the Club to be sure they are meeting per this schedule.