

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 137th day of 2023. There are 228 days remaining in the year. Today is Double Dan Day with Dan Allen as program chair and Dan Hart as greeter. Dan Allen’s guest speaker is Paris Town Manager, Dawn Noyes.

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:

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

24 – Tina Fox and John Griffith. Our guests will be the OHCHS State Championship Cheerleaders.

31 – Top Students and Tina Fox

June:

7 – Connor Burnam and Tally Decato

14 – Curtis Cole and Curtis Cole

21 – Rotarian of the Year Dinner at the Victorian-on-Main. Details to follow.

28 – Change over and Dan Allen

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Jeff Noblin from Point Pleasant, West Virginia, was our visiting Rotarian. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox, and we had the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. Alice, Joel and Frank joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Becky Kaurup talked about the Five Principles of Rotary – the 4-Way Test, the Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service, including Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership.

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 – We are making progress selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets but still have plenty to sell with 30 left that haven’t been taken to sell. If we sell all of the tickets, we should make between \$5,500.00 and \$6,000.00 which goes a long way to supporting our scholarships.

Curtis announced that Glenn Huntley is flying home this week. John received a text from Glenn that he and Sharon are landing in Portland at 10:00 Wednesday morning.

John – I am sure most of you have heard that Peter and Becky have sold their home on Point Lane and are moving to Virginia at the end of June in order to be closer to their family. They have both been an integral part of our club during their time in the Oxford Hills and will be sorely missed by all of us. Because they are leaving before our end of year meeting, we have decided to move our Rotarian of the Year / Annual Dinner to Wednesday evening, June 21, and are waiting to hear on cost, etc., from Victorian-on-Main. More to come on this.

Also, I am sad to announce that Leanna Bowie has decided not to continue with her membership. Leanna was only with us a short time and we certainly will miss her and her contributions to the club.

We held our annual May Day Play Day last Saturday and it seemed to be a huge success. I believe we only had a few goodie bags left and there were kids at every activity all morning. We were very grateful and thank the Interact students who came and helped out. It was a lot of fun and I’m sure Beth and Tina will have more to say about it this morning.

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 “God Save the King” in honor of King Charles’s coronation last weekend, and of course, reminding us that we “borrowed” the tune for “My Country ‘tis of Thee,” and Curtis gave the blessing.

George also inducted Pastor Mike Carter into the club as our newest member. Welcome Mike! Dan led us in singing our Coffee Mug song which was quite amusing to our student guests.

Our program was the May Students of the Month. Their write-ups are on the last pages of the Reader. Tina and George talked about Rotary, our club’s history and the Student of the Month program.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan A. had a happy “100” cents for the birth of his grandson, Christopher George Allen, saying that he was very pleased that his Allen line has a chance to continue for more generations.

Mike was glad to be back home after a wonderful trip to Japan with his group of students. Everything went well until they landed late in Dallas and the group lost all of their connections to Maine. It took 28 hours to get everyone out of Dallas and on their way home.

Bob and Lynne went to Bar Harbor last weekend for a birthday bash with 21 kids and the moon bounce.

50/50 – Stan gave Paul another chance to draw his own ticket and win the pot, but he drew Beth’s number. Beth drew the 8 of Diamonds and thus did not win the pot of \$220.00.

Pun for the week:

Once upon a time, there lived a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king but a great ruler.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

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

May Students of the Month 2023

MAY THEME:

Grit & Integrity: students who show a passion for their goals along with a powerful motivation to achieve that goal all the while exhibiting excellent character traits such as kindness, honesty, loyalty, respect, and responsibility.

Grade 9 - Willow Cohen

Nominating Staff: Laura Shibles

Willow's work ethic, eagerness to learn and set high standards for herself and the rest of her class are what makes her stand out among a lot of her peers. Willow is the only one to complete assignments on time, and even asks for more work to do.

Grade 10 - Maddy Herrick

Nominating Staff: Fred Steeves

She is just AWESOME, Maddy is the poster child for the perfect student. She always gives 100%. She worked extremely hard with sports, hobbies, and school. She worked hard with basketball and soccer all the while racing at Oxford Plain Speedway. She really enjoys auto collision and has a great an eye for the lines of the vehicles she works on. She is a pleasure to work with in class.

Grade 11 - Julia Hanson

Nominating Staff: Travis Palmer

Julia has been a great asset as a Teacher Assistant in my sociology elective. She is always eager to help and has been beneficial not only to me, but to the entire class. Having taken sociology previously (and performing well in it!), she has enough knowledge of the curriculum to assist students in their understanding of the content. Julia strives to be the best version of herself and inspire others to do the same. I have been out on paternity leave for the last few weeks. Julia eased my mind and stepped up to lead our sociology class. I wrote up lesson plans for Julia, and she made sure to implement them to the best of her ability. She ensured students were on task and understood the content. She communicated very well with me during my time out. Without Julia, my class would be much further behind in our curriculum.

Grade 12 - Matt Wilkinson

Nominating Staff: Craig Blanchard

Matthew exemplifies all the qualities that a teacher would want in a student. He is hard working, conscientious, organized, friendly, and thinks of others. I have known him for three years and his work ethic has improved tremendously in that time. During his sophomore year, Matthew wasn't really sure about the value of academics and that reflected on his completion. Now, he is an A student and a role model for others.

I supervise the weight room after school on Mondays and Matthew is always in there working out. Right before I close the weight room at 4pm, Matt will go around put all the weights away where they belong, these are the dumbbells and plates that other students have left on the floor or hanging on a bar - not his own. He will bring me any articles of clothing that students have left in the weight room. I do not even ask him to do this. He just does it. Furthermore, Matthew will give other students lifting advice while he is in the weight room working out. I appreciate his attitude and assistance in there. He is a true asset to our school.