



Rotary

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."

2021-2022 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanager, India - District 7780
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– 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

Good Evening and Welcome! Today is the 138th day of 2022. There are 227 days remaining in the year. This week's meeting is our evening social meeting. Paul Thornfeldt is our greeter.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

May:

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

June cont'd:

8 – Prep work for Senior Class Picnic

9 – Senior Class picnic at Fairgrounds

15 – Evening Meeting and Patty Rice

22 – Paul Thornfeldt and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the May Students of the Month and their guests. Frank, Dan and Lynne joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter George Rice asked Frank Shorey to tell us about the origin of our Student of the Month program. When it first started back in 1990-1991, only one student was chosen. In 1992, the program was revised to include one student from each of the four grades, a practice that has continued since.

Announcements:

Tina – May Day Play Day went well last weekend. There were 215 kids in attendance which is down from previous years but a good turn out for us since we were unable to have the event for the last two years. 18 kids helped out; 7 of which were from the Interact Club. Tina also had a bog thank you to the Rotarians that helped out.

RYLA is also coming up. There will be a clean-up day at Camp Hinds on May 21 if anyone is interested in helping out.

Lastly, the Project Graduation committee is looking for help cooking hamburgers and hot dogs from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM for the kids after their graduation on Saturday, June 11. Co-President Chris asked if there was enough interest and several of us raised our hands that we could help out. Tina will let the committee know that we will be there.

Co-President Peter – will be sending out Rotarian of the Year nomination forms. Please complete a nomination form and return it to Peter by our May 25th meeting

Last Week:

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

Tina introduced the Student of the Month program. After the presentations, PP George talked about the 4-Way Test and gave each of the students a 4-Way Test key chain. The student write-ups are at the end of the Reader.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Curtis had happy dollars to thank Tina for spearheading the Students of the Month program.

Tina was happy for the help she had with May Day Play Day and also congratulated the parents of the Students of the Month.

Frank had \$32 Happy Dollars for the 32 years of the SOM program.

Dan H. had \$5 happy dollars for forgetting to announce that next week's meeting is our evening meeting and that there is a sign-up sheet going around. He needs a final count to give to Linda by Sunday night.

Lynne had a sad dollar that her car is still missing, had a happy dollar for May Day Play Day and another sad dollar that her infant grandson, Leon, and his mother have Covid.

Patty was happy for the students and their parents. She also had kudos for Tina for May Day Play Day, and lastly, it was nice to see Jenn Sherbinski, her daughter and son at Play Day.

George had congratulations to Tina for the work she put in on May Day. He also announced that tickets are still available for Lobsters for Scholars. If you have tickets you don't think you will sell, get them to George. All tickets and money need to be in on May 25; the drawing will be at our meeting on June 1.

50/50 – Our Freshman Student drew Ron's number, but Ron drew the 6 of Diamonds, not the King of Clubs.

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:

What kind of concert only costs 45 cents?
A 50 Cent concert featuring Nickelback.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service

There are a wide range of programs and projects included under Rotary's Youth Service umbrella. Youth Service projects and activities have become a major focus for our club. The Youth Services Director coordinates and ensures communication among all our youth programs. This director develops and maintains long-term relationships with area schools, and works with other Club leaders to coordinate and maximize the impact and effectiveness of all our Youth Service activities.

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel
www.bethelrotary.org

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

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

May Student of the Month 2022

Theme: Grit: students who show a passion for a particular long-term goal along with a powerful motivation to achieve that goal

9th Grade: Rylee-Jaidyn Koehn

Nominating Teacher: Charlie Yancey

Rylee exemplifies the perfect student with her wicked strong problem-solving skills, her ridiculous habits of work, her colossal intellectual capacity, and her "Team Captain" like ability to work with other students. Like Jerry West, her likeness should be the logo for the perfect student.

Rylee completed a Google Classroom assignment the night before we were going to complete the assignment in class (I have learned not to post assignments ahead of time because she will just do them before class) and so, she had nothing to do during class time. Instead of using that time to stare at her computer, she walked around the room helping other students with the assignment and by “ help” I mean actually teaching them the content, not just giving answers.

10th Grade: Carlton Dailey

Nominating Teacher: Travis Palmer

Carlton has grown immensely throughout the duration of the year. He started off struggling to communicate his needs with others and had trouble adjusting to in-person instruction. Carlton is now as comfortable as can be in the classroom, advocating for himself when needed, lending a hand to peers, and working hard every single day. He strives for success. and always asks how he can improve on his own work. Carlton is one of my hardest working students. Last week, Carlton redirected his group peers and made sure they were all on task and completing their work. He asked questions of his group, enriching his own understanding and theirs. By the end of the period, his group had produced the most well thought out product. He's a shining example of a dedicated worker!

11th Grade: Sawyer Nareff

Nominating Teacher: Scott Walker

Sawyer is always prepared, respectful, and gives a great effort. Sawyer works hard each class, makes sure he has assignments done on time and helps his peers. An example of his effort; after initially struggling with a presentation, Sawyer came for extra help, asked great questions, and showed great resilience in overcoming his initial difficulties with it. It is great to see students that have the grit and determination to complete assignments and great connections.

12th Grade: Kailee Farrar

Nominating Teacher: Julie Gomez

Kailee never gives up. She plugs along, demonstrating determination and tenacity, to the entire class. She spends her Campus Leave time with me doing math. She comes in during lunch. She helps other students. She signed herself up for a Math Lab so that she could get extra instruction. She does problems over when she doesn't get them correct. She has spent the time needed to learn math when it has not been easy for her. She is in a Geometry based math class and visual models are everywhere. Kailee has really impressed me with her grit and stick-to-it-ness! She is an inspiration for her entire math class.

When the school year started Kailee had to advocate for herself and did. So she worked with her math lab teacher to increase her success in her math class. Myself and her learning lab teacher were glad to create special practice worksheets for Kailee. I've seldom seen a student work to overcome what life has thrown in their way like Kailee has this year.