

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 144th day of 2023. There are 221 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the OHCHS State Championship Cheerleaders and their coaches with us. John Griffith is 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:

31 – Top Students and Tina Fox

June:

7 – Connor Burnam and Tally Decato

14 – Curtis Cole and Dan Hart

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

28 – Change over and Dan Allen

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Dan Hart and Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole talked a bit about Rotarian history. Back in 1923, the Lewiston-Auburn club donated \$500 to the YMCA camp which with other donations, allowed 35 boys to attend camp during the summer. According to the inflation calculator I use, \$500.00 in 1923 is the equivalent of \$8,870.00 today – so it was quite a large donation for the time.

Announcements:

PE Beth Abbott gave an update on May Day Play Day 2023. Needless to say, it went very well and we received lots of thanks. Out of the 260 cookies donated by Wal-Mart, we only had 16 left. We had 250 goodie bags and had about 10 left. We had 240 bottles of water and ran out about an hour before closing, and we gave out just as many hotdogs, bags of chips and cookies. Beth went to the Oxford Casino to get the food only to find out that they forgot to order it! However, they came through and our contact, Phil, delivered it to us before anyone was the wiser. Aroma Joe's also forgot the coffee, so they gave us gift cards to hand out to the adults. We also could not have done as much as we did without the help of the Interact students, so another round of thanks to them.

Bob Schott – due to the expected inclement weather this weekend, he has postponed the road toll from Sunday, May 21, until Sunday, June 4. Same time, same place.

Peter Kaurup – we have sent out via e-mail a template for the Rotarian of the Year. It can be done on e-mail or printed off, filled out, and handed to one of the three past ROTY – John, Dan H. or Peter. Due to our moving the ROTY dinner ahead (back?) one week to June 21, we really need your nomination forms by our first meeting in June, so please look at this and nominate a member for ROTY.

President George – there are a few tickets remaining to be sold and some folks still have some out that have not been sold or if they have, the proceeds have not been turned in yet. We need to unload them all so if you have some you aren't going to sell, turn them in so someone else can sell them. If we sell all of the tickets, we will clean about \$5,600.00, which when added to the \$1,000.00 we made from the chili and chowder, will cover 6 of the 7 scholarships we give out.

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 “Old McDonald Had a Farm” and had us “mooring” and “baaing” along with him. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Program chair Dan Allen introduced Paris Town Manager, Dawn Noyes. Dawn spoke to us a few weeks ago about the grant that South Paris had applied for and she did give an update on that. However, this week she talked about some of the things town managers have to deal with on a daily basis. One thing getting the

top complaints is road conditions, so she explained the process of how the town decides which roads to repair each year and which ones can be deferred – based on the budget, the condition of the road and whether it is bad enough to damage town equipment, ie: plows, and the amount of traffic on the road. In other news, Dawn said that the town did receive the grant for the park and concert venue, and thanked us for our willingness to help out. That went a long way towards helping get the grant. Lastly, town meeting is scheduled for June 20 at 6:00 PM. The operating budget is down \$20,000.00 from last year but we are still waiting for the school budget so cannot set tax rates until those figures are in. Dawn was optimistic that there won't be a major property tax increase.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Stan had thank-you dollars for the help he had with the tents last weekend. We made \$1,250.00 from the rentals.

Ron paid a fine of \$5 for signing up to help with MDPD and not being able to come.

Patty – MDPD was a lot of fun and we received a lot of thanks. She also said she had a ball working with Jeff Noblin greeting the kids and giving them their bags as they came in.

Paul had an apology dollar for signing up to help with MDPD and then completely forgetting about it. He also recounted being in the hospital for a medical procedure and the last thing he remembered seeing as he went under was Frank and Connie's name or picture on the wall – my notes aren't clear.

Lynne had a thank-you dollar for Alice and her help with the popcorn at MDPD.

Speaking of popcorn, Bob likewise had a thank-you dollar for Dave Preble running to Hannaford to get more popcorn. We used 30 pounds of it.

50/50 – Val drew John's number but John drew the 9 of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. There was \$230 in the pot.

Pun for the week:

After winning the lottery, the Old Woman sold her shoe and moved to Beverly Heels.

Okay then, how about a Riddle?

Take away my first letter, and I sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, and I still sound the same. I am a 5-letter word. What am I?

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

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