

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 151st day of 2023. There are 214 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the Top Students from the Senior Class at OHCHS with us. Tina Fox 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.

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:

Jeff Noblin from Point Pleasant, West Virginia was our visiting Rotarian. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. We did not have any Zoomers.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter John Griffith talked about the history of the Rotary pin. See the last page of the Reader.

Announcements:

Bob Schott – don't forget that the Road Toll for Ukraine relief is this coming Sunday, June 4, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Peter Kaurup – please be sure to complete a Rotarian of the Year nomination form and hand it in by the end of next week, June 2, as we will need time to order what we need for the presentation on June 21.

President George – we will be drawing the winners for Lobsters for Scholars this week, so if you have any tickets to hand in, please get them to George as soon as possible.

Last week, **Tina, Dan H. and Beth** presented the south campus of Oxford Hills Middle School a check for \$1,000.00 to help fund their food pantry. There is a very nice picture of the presentation on our Facebook page.

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 "You are my Sunshine..." and Curtis Cole gave the blessing one more time before turning it over to Glenn Huntley.

Our guests were the state champion cheerleaders from OHCHS, and their coaches, Deb Loveless and Jessie Becker. Oxford Hills had not won the state championship since 2000. She said the girls worked their hearts out, practicing 6 days each week for the entire year. They are a very dedicated group of young women and we were honored to recognize them for their accomplishment.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty had a happy \$20, saying that 44 years ago, she was a cheerleader.

Tina was happy for the cheerleaders and their coaches, Deb and Jess. They are all an amazing team.

Dan A. had happy to be back dollars and he was also glad to see Glenn has returned from Florida.

Bob was happy to be back on the river this (now last) weekend, his 34th year.

Connor was happy to see Glenn.

50/50 – Dave drew Mike Carter’s number, but Mike didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$242.00 in the pot.

Pun for the week:

“My grandfather was a secret pilot for the military. He spent most of his life in da skies.”

Okay then, how about a Riddle?

Did anyone get the answer to this riddle from last week?

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?

I am “empty”

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:

June Birthdays – Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; Peter Kaurup – 6/17; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

June Wedding Anniversaries – Georg & Patty Rice – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 6/5; Joel & Heather Speakman – 6/8; Charlie & Tina Fox – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 6/21

June Membership Anniversaries – Curtis Cole – 39 yrs. – 6/14

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

The History of the Rotary Wheel Pin

By

Linda Parker Hamilton

Rotary Club of Oakland, California, the third oldest club in the world

Paul Harris Fellow and Society pins, Rotary Fellowship pins, Rotary International theme pins, Rotary District pins, Rotaract and Interact pins, and the Rotary Wheel...Each of these pins tells a unique Rotary story!

What is the story behind the Rotary wheel pin?

The first lapel pin in the history of the Rotary was designed and made by New York Rotary Club member, John Frick on October 14, 1909 and worn by the club's first president Bradford Bullock from 1909 until his premature death in 1911 (At the time, he was serving as VP of the National Association of Rotary Clubs). The forerunner of the traditional Rotary pin worn today, it features the Rotary wheel as it appeared in its earliest representation with eight spokes, no cogs, and no keyway.

The wheel itself became the symbol of Rotary in 1906, a year after the club's formation in Chicago. Asked to design a symbol for the new club, Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver, drew a simple wagon wheel with a few lines to show dust and motion (14 spokes, no cogs, no keyway). Paul Harris reasoned that the wheel symbolized "Civilization and Movement." One observant Rotarian pointed out that a wheel would not generate clouds of dust in front of it, so Montague removed the offending cloud and that design remained the emblem for Chicago until 1912.

When new clubs formed, they adopted the wheel in symbols of their own. Our club integrated the New York wheel and an oak tree as our symbol. It appears on the top of our first Live Oak newsletter in 1914.

In 1910, the Rotary Club of Philadelphia added cogs to create a working wheel, symbolizing members working together, literally interlocked with one another to achieve the organization's objectives. They used 19 cogs in honor of their club, the 19th in Rotary. They created hundreds of metal pins with this design and successfully pitched it as the new official international wheel in 1912.

It didn't hurt that the president of the Philadelphia club [who had designed that club's emblem] became president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at the 1912 Duluth convention.

In 1918, two Rotarian engineers from the Duluth Club Charles Henry Mackintosh and Oscar Bjorge (formally of Minnesota) petitioned Rotary to amend the design of the wheel. They argued that a cogwheel with 19 cogs would not work. Also, the emblem had square-cornered teeth of disproportionate size, and the cogs were irregularly spaced. Charles called it, "An anachronism to engineers." Oscar called it "an insult to engineering that only the brain of an artist could conceive." Oscar sketched a new wheel, with 6 spokes (symbolizing the 6 Objects of Rotary at that time) and 24 cogs or teeth. This design was presented to the Rotary world in 1920.

However, there remained many versions of the Rotary wheel in use around the world by the different clubs. The Oakland Club was still using its 1914 wheel and oak tree in 1922. It wasn't until 1922 that the Rotary International Association declared that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. But, before the approval of Charles and Oscar's gear wheel, the President of Rotary Club of Los Angeles, Will Forker submitted one change: "The 'hub' design of the new 'wheel' is that of an 'idler' wheel or gear, there being no provision for the reception or transmission of power to or from a shaft," he argued. But, he said, incorporating a keyway would make the new wheel "a real worker" Oscar and Charles heartily agreed. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design, which we see on our pins was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

Why wear a Rotary pin?

Reasons for wearing a pin varied: for publicity of Rotary, for pride, for acceptance and recognition, for the start of easy conversation with other Rotarians wherever you go. Wearing a Rotary Fellowship pin shows a Rotarian's vocation, hobby or recreational interest.

Past RI President Bob Barth (1993-94, from the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland) felt that a Rotary pin says this about the wearer: "You can rely on me, I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take, and I am available."