

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 123rd day of 2023. There are 242 days remaining in the year. Beth Abbott is program chair this morning and Peter Kaurup is 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.

May:

10 – May Students of the Month and Becky Kaurup

13 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00PM

17 – Dan Allen and Dan Hart

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

24 – Leanna Bowie and John Griffith

31 – Top Students and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We had one visiting Rotarian – Jeff Noblin from Point Pleasant, West Virginia. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Dan Hart and Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Liz Knox told us about an article in the latest *Rotary* magazine about a Rotarian whose wife joined Rotary and started her own club for people in her profession, the point being that there are all kinds of Rotary Clubs, traditional and non-traditional.

Announcements:

President George Lobsters for Scholars tickets are available for sale. We are selling 150 tickets for two drawings of 75, with the grand prize being a lobster dinner for 12 people at a site chosen by the winner. We will be drawing the winners at our last meeting in May. There are only 4 more weeks to sell. See George for tickets.

Tina Fox – Planning for May Day Play Day is on going and on track. We should have a full schedule of things for the kids to do.

Curtis Cole told us he talked with Glenn down in Florida and that he is doing well. John also talked to him over this weekend; he still cannot lift more than 10 pounds and has some discomfort when moving about. He has a follow-up appointment this week and is optimistic he will be able to drive home next week.

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 song and Curtis gave the blessing.

Program Chair Val Weston introduced Sherri Otterson. Sherri said she was not from Maine originally but had connections to the area so when she and her husband retired, they moved to Norway. Sherri and her husband were teachers for the Department of Defense, spending their working careers in Korea and Japan. When there, she found out about Dragon boating and looking for a challenge, thought it would be something to start in the Oxford Hills so she has started the Maine Dragon Boat Club with a mission to foster compassion, a sense of community, a physical challenge, and competition in the state of Maine through the sport of dragon boating. Dragon boats are 41' long, with twenty paddlers sitting two by two, guided by a drummer in the front and steerperson on the back that keeps the boat on course. The boat glides when all twenty paddlers stroke in time.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars

Dave Preble said he had new aspirations to audition as a drummer. He also happy that Becky joined him for the roadside clean-up at which he picked up a lot of Heineken bottles and packaging.

Dave Knox had happy for breakfast dollars.

Lynne had a happy weekend with her grandchildren.

Bob announced that he was up to 53 ski days this year.

50/50 – Dan Allen drew Lynne’s number but Lynne drew the 3 of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. There was \$198 in the pot.

Funny for the week:

I finally discovered what’s wrong with my brain. On the left side, there’s nothing right and on the right side, there’s nothing left.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

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