

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 Evening and Welcome! Today is the 172nd day of 2023. There are 193 days remaining in the year. This week, we are having our Rotarian of the Year and Change-over Dinner at Victorian-on-Main.

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:

25 – Road Toll for Ukraine Relief, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM by the OHCHS tennis courts. Hopefully, the third time is the charm.

28 – Tally Decato and Dan Allen

July:

5 – Tina Fox and Val Weston. Tina will be doing her updated classification talk.

10 – Board meeting at South Paris Town office, 4:45 PM.

12 – John Griffith and Paul Thornfeldt

19 – Dan Hart and Chris Summers

26 – Glenn Huntley and Warren Spencer

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Unfortunately, I did not grab the sign-in sheet but my notes indicate that greeter Dan H. introduced guests. I do remember that John Eliassen from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club was in attendance.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan H. talked about the calendar of events in the most recent ROTARY magazine, listing various activities that clubs around the world engage in. There is a lot of fellowship among Rotarians and they are doing interesting and fun things. In that vein, invite someone to join us for breakfast.

Membership Proposal:

Norway Fire Chief, David Knox, has been proposed for membership by Liz Knox. David has been a long-time participant in many of our events and I think I can speak for the entire club when I say that we are thrilled he has decided to finally become a member. If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

Thanks to everyone who helped with the senior picnic on the 9th and Project Graduation on the 10th. Both events went very well and the kids were very appreciative.

President George announced that the board voted to support Responsible Pet Care and that we also donated to Doctors without Borders in memory of Dave Whittier.

John Eliassen from Bridgton invited everyone to come to their change-over meeting at Pleasant Point. Check their website for the details. He was also selling tickets to their annual Duck race the morning of July 4th. Tickets are \$5 per duck.

Dan Hart has put together a Seadogs game on Saturday evening, August 12th. He will be sending out an e-mail with the details. We have invited the Bethel and Bridgton-Lake Region clubs to join us. We will not be in the picnic area this time, but will be in the Seadogs Dug out area. All you can eat from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, including water and soda, for \$32 per person. Depending on the number of people who sign up, we will arrange for bus transport.

Dave Preble is looking to put together a Cornhole Tournament over Labor Day weekend on the grounds of Ripley & Fletcher Ford. He is looking for help so speak to Dave if you are interested in participating.

Tina Fox – RYLA needs volunteers to help guests check in and with parking on Saturday, June 24th. We have three campers and a counselor attending this year.

Patty told us that the silent auction at the District event on Bailey's Island raised \$5000.00 for the Foundation.

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. Curtis gave the blessing and Dan A. led us in singing God Bless Our Rotary.

George presented PP Lynne Schott her EREY badge sticker for reaching the \$100 goal.

Program Chair Curtis Cole introduced Floyd Thayer from the Oxford County Fair. Floyd began by thanking us for our help last year and that he has been working to fix things up for this year. There will be some changes which hopefully will make things easier and more comfortable for us as he is looking forward to our helping again this year. The fair will be from September 13th through the 16th. There will be the usual agricultural events and some bands playing evenings. There will be 4WD pulling, lawn mower racing and other activities with the aim of drawing in more people. In response to a question, he said he would love to bring back harness racing but state rules are prohibitive at this time. He concluded his talk by answering questions.

50-50 – Chris drew Dan A's number but Dan drew the Jack of Spades. There was \$269.00 in the pot.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

John Eliassen from Bridgton thanked us for our support of their club and said it would be nice if we could do more things together.

Tina had happy dollars for her and Charlie's anniversary and thanks to the club for helping with the senior class activities.

Puns for the week:

I had a dream I was a muffler. I woke up exhausted.

And if that wasn't bad enough:

When I'm really stressed, I go to the auto parts store because I need a break.

June is ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS Month:

A recent policy change allows anyone to join a Rotary Fellowship, including non-members! Invite your friends that you share a similar hobby or interest to join a Fellowship with you. This is a great opportunity to introduce them to Rotary.

For example, Felix Heintz, Chair & Founder of the Rotarian Metalhead Fellowship would always take his Fellowship's flag with him to metal events where he would start talking about the Rotarian Metalhead Fellowship and Rotary in general to people he met. Some had heard of Rotary before, some hadn't, but many were interested in joining the group. The Fellowship welcomed these members who had never been involved with Rotary before, and continue to attract new members while introducing them to Rotary.

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