

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

**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.”

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## 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

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**Good Evening and Welcome!** Today is the 179<sup>th</sup> day of 2023. There are 186 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is our program chair and Dan Allen is our greeter. This is the last Reader for the 2022-2023 Rotary year.

**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](mailto: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.

## 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. John’s guest speaker is Dan Walsh, President of Norway Savings Bank.**

**19 – Dan Hart and Chris Summers**

**26 – Glenn Huntley and Warren Spencer. Glenn’s guest speaker is Ranger Michelle Warner from the Maine Forest Service.**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

Lois Strauss Wilgosz from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. She brought along her husband, Bob. Other Rotarians with spouses were Liz Knox, who brought David; Ron Morse who brought Laura; Stan Brett who brought Ann Marie; Dave Preble who brought Becky, and Beth Abbott who brought her mom, Evie Marshall. I think that's everyone but if I left anyone out, I apologize.

### *Announcements:*

I just saw the e-mail from Beth that the Road Toll scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to the weather and will be rescheduled for a later date. Hopefully, the 4<sup>th</sup> time is the charm! Update: Oh the Irony!

On a sad note, last Wednesday evening, we said good-bye to Peter and Becky Kaurup, who left for their new home in Lottsburg, Virginia, early last Thursday morning. Peter and Becky were very active members in our club from the time they joined us five years ago. I know I speak for everyone when I say we were very sad to see them leave and they will be sorely missed. Our meetings and activities just won't be the same without them.

**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 A. led us in singing "My Country 'tis of Thee" and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

We met at the Victorian-on-Main for a combined Rotarian of the Year and Changeover Dinner. We had a great meal catered by Maurice's of potato, carrots and beans, mac and cheese, chicken breast, steak tips, salad, rolls and desert. Everything was delicious.

After dinner, President George spoke about his year as president. He handed out gifts to the officers and directors, then handed the gavel to incoming President, Beth Abbott. Beth, in turn, presented George with a Rotary Wheel clock and a framed certificate, announcing that since George has reached the maximum for Paul Harris awards, the board decided to add an 8<sup>th</sup> scholarship in George's name, the George W. Rice Community Service Scholarship Award, to be presented to the OHCHS student who applies for one of our scholarships and exemplifies the Rotary ideals of community service during their high school career.

President Beth then had last year's ROTY, John Griffith, come forward to present this year's Rotarian of the Year, Tina Fox.

This year's Rotarian of the Year received the most nominations out of the 5 who were nominated. It is going to be hard to describe this Rotarian without everyone knowing who was chosen right off the bat.

Some of the things that were said were:

"This Rotarian is tireless in their efforts to organize many activities from Interact, May Day Play Day, Christmas for Teens, Students of the Month and the school food pantries."

“This Rotarian is always at the center of and has supported club activities and has been at the center of keeping Zoom operations going.”

“This Rotarian is like the Energizer Bunny, just keeps going and going and going.....”

“While this Rotarian remains frazzled at times by all her activities, her devotion to her growing family and commitment to Rotary remains solid.”

“This Rotarian exemplifies ‘Service Above Self’ through all of her activities.”

Congratulations to Tina Fox, the Oxford Hills Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year for 2022.

### *We did not have a drawing or Happy Dollars.*

 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 

### *Puns for the week:*

“I put a dart board on my ceiling. It made me throw up.”

“I was settling in for a nice bath last night when I felt a tap on my shoulder.”

### *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](http://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](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.