

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 158th day of 2023. There are 207 days remaining in the year. Connor Burnam is program chair this morning and Tally Decato 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:

8 – Senior Class Night – Scholarship Awards, 6:00 PM

9 – OHCHS Senior picnic at Gouin Field – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

10 – Project Graduation at OHCHS – 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM

14 – Curtis Cole and Dan Hart

21 – Rotarian of the Year and Changeover Dinner at the Victorian-on-Main. Details on attached sheet.

28 – Tally Decato and Dan Allen

July:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office (tentative)

5 – Tina Fox and Val Weston

12 – John Griffith and Paul Thornfeldt

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Our other guests were the Top Students from OHCHS and Heather Manchester, Superintendent of Schools, Paul Bickford, Principal of OHCHS and Randy Crockett, Principal of the OHCHS Technical School.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Tina Fox gave an update on what the Interact Club did for the year. Their goal was to have fun while carrying out community service. They did 8-10 community service projects and 1 international project, Pennies for Polio, which raised \$2,200.00. They have also grown from 3 members to 30 members in the last several years. Three seniors are moving on and we hope that they continue with their Rotary activities in the future.

Announcements:

Bob Schott – weather permitting, we will be doing the Road Toll for Ukraine Relief on Sunday, June 4, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We postponed this last month due to a forecast of rain, and then, of course, it cleared and was a nice day. Now we have a forecast of more rain for this Sunday, so stay tuned. Update: Well, it rained, so no go.

Peter Kaurup – so far, we have received about a dozen nominations for ROTY. Nominations are due as soon as possible so that we can order what we need for our ROTY dinner on June 21.

Beth Abbott – don't forget that we are cooking at the OHCHS Senior class picnic on Friday, June 9, and again for Project Graduation, Saturday night, June 10.

President George – we will be having our ROTY and Changeover Dinner at Victorian-on-Main beginning at 5:00 PM on June 21. There will be a meal catered by Maurice's Restaurant.

Lastly, I am sure we are all thinking about Sergeant at Arms, Stan Brett, as he recovers from his latest illness.

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 a Maine version of "Take Me Home Country Roads" and Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

President George and two of the students with us drew the names of the winners for our Lobsters for Scholars fund raiser. We sold two groups of 75 tickets, 150 in total. The winners were:

1st group: JEM Motorsports, 3rd prize; Lynne Schott, 2nd prize; Lynne Schott, 1st prize
2nd group: Dawn Bennett, 3rd prize; Jeff Cox, 2nd prize; Joyce Phinney, 1st prize

As a reminder, 3rd prize was a gift certificate from Smedberg's for \$50 worth of lobster; 2nd prize was a gift certificate for \$100 from the Oxford Casino, and 1st prize was a Lobster dinner for 12, served at the location of your choice.

After the Lobsters for Scholars drawings, Tina Fox introduced the school administrators, Heather Manchester, Paul Bickford and Randy Crockett. They all spoke about the students and their accomplishments, and in turn, each of the students introduced themselves, told us who their parents were, where they were from and what their plans were for next year.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Lynne was happy and, I think, surprised, that she won both 1st and 2nd prizes in the first Lobsters for Scholars drawing. She also had happy dollars for the students with us and sad dollars for her sister who had a terrible week.

Patty had congratulations dollars for the students.

Beth had thank-you dollars for the Interact students helping with our Rotary projects.

John was happy to have his kidney cyst removed a couple of weeks ago. It was an interesting experience. He also thought his phone was gone for good but turns out he left it at Norway Living Center when he visited his mother, and lastly, had a wonderful Saturday with the family celebrating three birthdays May birthdays, the 25th, 26th and 28th.

Bob happily invited the students to go rafting this summer.

Tina thanked the students for their help through the years – and that her sister had surgery on her ankle and can't put any weight on her foot for several weeks.

Glenn had happy dollars for the weekend.

50/50 – Dan Hart's number came up but he didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$250 in the pot.

Quote for the week:

"I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes."

~ Andy Rooney ~

Speaking of Life:

Bacteria in a human body weigh about 4 pounds or could fill a half-gallon jug. The bacteria cells outnumber human cells 10 to 1, but because they are so much smaller than human cells, they account for only 1 to 2 percent of our body mass – though they make up about half of our body waste.

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