

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: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7780 Governor: Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Dan Allen – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Vacant – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Vacant - 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 193rd day of 2023. There are 172 days remaining in the year. Secretary John is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Dan Walsh, President of Norway Savings Bank. Our greeter is Chris Summers.

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.

BASEBALL AT HADLOCK WITH THE SEA DOGS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, STARTING AT 5:00 PM. THE BETHEL AND LAKE REGION CLUBS WILL BE JOINING US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF FOOD AND BASEBALL. SIGN-UP NOW! SEE DAN HART FOR DETAILS.

July:

19 – Dan Hart and Warren Spencer

26 – Glenn Huntley and Bob Schott. Glenn's guest speaker is Ranger Michelle Warner from the Maine Forest Service.

August:

2 – Connor Burnam and Lynne Schott. Connor will be giving his classification talk.

7 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

9 – Liz Knox and Patty Rice

12 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Food available at 5:00 PM. Game starts at 6:00 PM.

16 – Ron Morse and George Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

PDG Marie Williams from the Kittery club was our visiting Rotarian, along with her husband Bruce. David Knox was the guest of Treasurer, Liz Knox.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston gave us an update on Friends of Kenya Rising. The mission of Friends of Kenya Rising is to assist Kenyan students and their families as they rise out of poverty. They now have a Face Book page and a website, friendsofkenyarising.org.

Announcements:

President Beth reminded us that we have committed to cook hamburgers at the Fly-In / Drive-In plane and car show at the Oxford Airport this coming Saturday, July 8 – **and an update**, unfortunately, the weather did not co-operate so many of the expected planes did not show up. There were a variety of them parked around the area to look at however. There were about 20 to 30 antique cars as well. George and Warren spent from about 9:30 to 1:00 cooking burgers. John, Patty and Beth were there helping with the buns and serving. It was quite busy at times. My impression was that people were just happy to be there socializing in the hangar.

Beth also passed out some thank-you notes from some of the organizations we made recent donations to.

Curtis Cole – there will be a membership committee meeting immediately following this week's meeting.

Bob Schott announced that the Dragon boat arrives on July 19 and help is needed. If you would like to help, please let Bob know. You may remember that we had a program about this a couple of months ago.

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 Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan A. wasn't with us so we didn't sing. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Finishing up our classification talks this month and for the next few, ROTY Tina Fox gave her talk. On the personal side, she and Charlie met in high school and have been together ever since. They have two grown daughters, Ally and Lindsay. (Not sure if I'm spelling correctly). She and Charlie have 5 grandchildren with another on the way, due in December. When Tina and Charlie moved to Oxford, they bought a large parcel of land and have given their kids land on either side of them and both have built homes there. Tina said the grands have pretty good paths worn between the houses. Tina said she was one of 10 kids growing up and their mother also raised her brother's kids, so at one time, there were 12 in the household. Her mother and father had multiple jobs during their working lives – and that they all hunted, fished and played hard. For a time, her father worked sewing boots for L.L. Bean and she learned to sew from him and got to be pretty good at it. The family also worked in the woods, logging with a team of horses. She told the story of her dad telling Tina and 2 of her siblings to go get the horses and bring them to a new site – which was a 20 mile trip. One other thing was that they had their own baseball teams – didn't need to bring in anyone else. Tina graduated from Fryeburg Academy and the University of Maine. She participated in a lot of sports in high school and was known to be very competitive. She taught in Poland for a few years and came to OHCHS in 2001 where she still is. Tina took over the Interact Club when Lynne Schott retired and that was her opening to Rotary – and she has been a valued leader of Interact and a very active member of the club.

50-50: Ron drew Liz's number but Liz didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$289 in the pot.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dave said that if he made it until Sunday (July 9), he would have survived 64 years on this planet and now officially has less than 1 year to full retirement. He also said that Sunday was his and Becky's 37th anniversary.

Bob told us about the 4 big releases on the river in the last couple of weeks.

PDG Marie Williams had happy dollars for always feeling welcome when she and Bruce come to our meetings.

Glenn told us he spent the 4th of July with his 92 year old cousin and that they participated in the boat parade on Bear Pond. He also said that he would be 74 on July 8th.

Pun for the week:

I had a date last night and it was perfect. Tomorrow, I will have a fig.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

July Birthdays – Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dan Hart – 7/8; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9;

July Wedding Anniversaries – Michael & Jo Carter – 7/3; Warren & Susan Spencer – 7/23;
Dave & Becky Preble – 7/26

July Membership Anniversaries – Frank Shorey – 39 years – 7/1; Val Weston – 36 years – 7/22

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 during the school year only.