

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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."

2020-2021 Officers:

Rotary International President: Shekhar Mehta from the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, India - District 7780
Governor: Dick Hall, Rotary Club of Portland – Oxford Hills Rotary Co-Presidents: Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers
– Co-Presidents Elect: Liz Knox and Abbie Earle - Vice-president: vacant - Treasurer.: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past president: Lynne Schott – Club Service Chair: George Rice – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - 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 202nd day of 2021. There are 163 days remaining in the year. Paul Thornfeldt is our program chair and Curtis Cole is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith 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's paraphernalia.

July:

28 – Warren Spencer and Dan Allen

August:

2 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office – 5:30 PM

4 – District Governor Dick Hall and Val Weston

11 – Val Weston and Paul Thornfeldt

18 – Dan Allan and Warren Spencer

21 – Drive-thru Lobster Fest at OHCHS

25 – Curtis Cole and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our only visiting Rotarian. Tony Giambo was the guest of Liz Knox.

Announcements:

Lobester Tickets – If you need more Lobester tickets or have tickets to turn in, please see Becky. She now has the extra tickets. The deadline to turn in tickets is August 11. Remember that there are no sales the day of the event – August 21.

Dan Hart sent this note regarding the Sea Dogs game this coming Saturday:

A 'last call' to our club members, family members, friends, and associates regarding your interest and plans to attend the Portland Sea Dogs' *Red Snappers Day* game this Saturday, July 24 at 6:00 PM.

> The deadline to sign up and secure game tickets is this Wednesday, July 21st, by 8:30 AM, at our club meeting. Ticket fees are \$28.00 and checks are payable to: "Portland Sea Dogs".

> Following our club meeting, I will call in our final number of baseball game attendees, plans to pay for all tickets, and arrange with Peter Kaurup to distribute game tickets on Saturday. (I will not be attending nor working at this game, as I have a wedding to attend in Bethel.)

Becky – there will be a membership committee meeting at Tally's house, 1 Chipman Ave., South Paris, at 4:00 PM this afternoon.

Stan – we have (had) two tents to set up on Friday, July 16, on Paris Hill for Founder's Day. We have a tent to set on Gore Rd. and another in Minot this coming weekend. I believe Stan also said there are tents to set on August 7, August 14, and another the weekend of the Lobster Fest in addition to the ones we will need for ourselves. If I don't have this right, I'm sure Stan will set the record straight at our meeting.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in song and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing. Greeter Pat Cook introduced our visiting Rotarian and Liz Knox introduced her guest, Tony Giambro.

As we did not have a scheduled speaker, PDG and PP George Rice gave his classification talk. I believe he said he had only given one other classification talk in his almost 30 years as a Rotarian. George started off by telling us he has been around for a long time! He was born in Lewiston and lived in Norway until the 3rd grade when his family moved "over the border" to South Paris. He has 2 adult children and 3 adult grandchildren. As a young man, he worked on various local farms where he got the farming bug. His first paying job was at Marshall's Getty Station in South Paris where he worked while attending school. He attended CMVTI in Auburn and worked for Cummings Construction for 11 years. While with Cummings, he worked part of the time in Vermont where he was first exposed to Rotary. Tiring of being on the road, he started G.W. Rice Construction and over time grew the company from 1 employee to 25. In 1998, he joined Bancroft Contracting where he spent the next 23 years until retiring just this year, which gave him 55 years in the construction business. In 1983, Bob Bizier invited him to attend a Kiwanis meeting, but

they met at noon and that didn't work for him. He was later invited to Rotary by Dave Hamilton. Rotary met in the morning and that fit with his schedule and that led to a life-long passion for Rotary, both in Oxford Hills Rotary and on the District level. George was president in 1989-1990 and served as District Governor in 1995-1996. In between, he served on the District Nominating committee and was the OH Representative for the Bridgton-Lake Region club in 1991. He has attended 8 International Conventions and has attended 33 consecutive District conferences. This is just a small amount of the work George has done through the years. Certainly, if anyone in our club deserves the title "Mr. Rotary," it is George Rice.

Happy and Sad Dollars

George had a happy \$5 for a successful Lobsters for Scholars event last Friday for one of our raffle winners. We cleared \$1700.00.

Patty attended Cathy Sullivan's memorial service on Saturday and said 200 were in attendance.

Dan had happy dollars for the "Auction" and told us that the first auction was held in conjunction with the Bean Festival, and that we cleared \$2,300.00 that first time. He also thanked Paul for all the work he does on the auction for the club. He is a great asset to the club! And we gave Paul a big round of applause.

Lois was happy for the great family day she had and also noted that today's date is 7-14-21, all multiples of 7.

Glenn had a dollar for Dave Whittier's birthday. He also told us his favorite time during George's presidency of the club was when everyone had a blown up picture of George's head attached to a stick and held them up to their faces so that there were 30 + George Rice's in the room when George came in. The picture made it to the Rotarian magazine.

Lynne said she was relieved to be sitting in the audience once again and that she is working on her health and balance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays – Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dan Hart – 7/8; Glenn Huntley – 7/8; Dave Preble – 7/9; Becky Kaurup – 7/15; Connie (Frank) Shorey – 7/17

July Wedding Anniversaries – Paul & Dawne Thornfeldt – 15 yrs. – 7/1; Warren & Susan Spencer – 38 yrs. – 7/23; Dave & Becky Preble – 35 yrs. - 7/26

July Membership Anniversaries – Frank Shorey – 37 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 34 yrs. – 7/22

50/50 – Liz drew Warren’s number but Warren drew the 5 of Clubs. No go! There was \$240.00 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Quote of the Week:

“The true business of people should be to go back to school and think about whatever it was they were thinking about before somebody came along and told them they had to earn a living.”

~ Buckminster Fuller ~
1895-1983

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn, Bethel

www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot 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