

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:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 207th day of 2023. There are 158 days remaining in the year. Glenn Huntley is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Ranger Michelle Warner from the Maine Forest Service. Bob Schott 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.

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:

31 - Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM.

August:

2 – Mike Carter and Lynne Schott. Mike will be giving his classification talk.

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

23 – Dave Preble and Dave Preble

30 – George Rice and Jeff Noblin

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Perry Palmer was the guest of Glenn Huntley, David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox, Robert Wilgosz was the guest of Lois Wilgosz, Larry Cousins was the guest of Ron Morse and Jeff Campbell, our guest speaker, was the guest of Dan Hart.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Warren Spencer told us about going through some old family photos with his sister a few weeks ago. One photo was of his 10 year old self getting immunized at the South Berwick Fire Station. There were three doctors doing the immunization and they were Rotarians, so Rotary has been at the forefront of immunization long before Polio Plus.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – preparations for the Cornhole Tournament scheduled for Labor Day weekend are progressing. We still need sponsors for door prizes and prize money, so if you have any connections to a local business, please check with them.

Bob Schott – recently saw former member and PP Roy Earle who recently turned 98 years young. In talking with him and Linda, Bob found that Roy wished he had a flag pole and flag. Bob checked into it and said he could put one up for Roy for \$125, so he passed the hat among club members and we raised enough to put up the pole for Roy. Bob said that Roy is doing well and that he is going down the river again with Bob on August 12. Remarkable!

Dan Hart – still trying to find transportation to the Sea Dogs game. Those that he has checked with are either fully booked or too expensive, so we may have to just car pool. He has also asked the River Valley Club to join us along with Bethel and Lake Region. There are 62 seats available.

If you have not paid your dues, **Treasurer Liz** will be contacting you.

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. led us in song and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Program Chair Dan Hart introduced Norway Police Chief, Jeff Campbell. Jeff began by saying that he is a native of Woodstock and is currently one of the town selectmen. After having several different jobs early on, he settled on becoming a police officer and started with the Bethel Police Department. When Bethel disbanded their department, he came to Norway and, as the new guy, worked the night shift. In time, he joined the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency where he stayed for 6 years. He said he had a lot of fun in that job and made some connections to the FBI and other agencies. Jeff said he never aspired to be a chief, but when the position opened with the retirement of Chief Federico, he threw his name in the hat and was hired last August. He was pleased to report that for a small town, the police department has a lot of resources at its disposal, among them a very successful canine program and a school resource officer at Rowe Elementary, both of which we are fortunate to have. Jeff said that the department routinely works with the FBI as well as the Paris and Oxford police departments. There are currently 9 full time officers and 2 part time on the force. However, like most agencies, staffing issues remain.

50-50: Val drew Bob's number, but Bob drew the 5 of Spades. There was \$312 in the pot.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Perry Palmer had happy to be here and thank you dollars for Glenn for helping him out this morning.

Lynne announced that we reached \$125 for Roy's flag pole. She was happy for the wonderful time her family had a Santa's Village. She, Bob, all three of their sons, their wives and grandchildren were able to be there.

Glenn has happy to announce that his guest speaker, Maine Forest Ranger Michelle Warner, will be with us next week.

Patty had kudos dollars for Jeff Campbell and said she appreciated all that the police do for the community.

Bob Wilgosz asked if anyone knew of a handyman as he would like to hire someone to do some work for him and Lois.

Dave had happy dollars for the time his son and family came up from Massachusetts last weekend. His grandsons entered the mountain bike race at Sunday River and 17 year old grandson was the top overall finisher with his 13 year old brother coming in second.

Curtis talked about the recent burial of a WWII veteran whose remains were recently found and identified. He said it is unbelievable what people used to do for this country.

Pun for the week:

My ex-girlfriend is a radiologist. I don't know what she saw in me.

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.