



Rotary

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."

2021-2022 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: Vacant - 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

Welcome! Today is the 208th day of 2022. There are 157 days remaining in the year. Chris Summers is our program chair and Becky Kaurup is our greeter. Chris's guest speakers are Natalie Andrews, Assessor for the Town of Norway and Cindy Namer, Assessor for the Town of Paris.

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 paraphernalia.

August:

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

3 – Classification Talk and Glenn Huntley

10 – Beth Abbott and Dan Hart

17 – Dan Allen and John Griffith

24 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

31 – Tally Decato and Tally Decato

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests. Frank, Joel and Tina joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dave Preble talked about the new RI President, Jennifer Jones and her goal of spreading Rotary information throughout the world. Imagine Rotary!

Announcements:

Tina announced that the Oxford Fair has accepted our offer to help with admissions and parking at one of the Fair entrances for \$3,000.00.

Tina also mentioned the bus ride to the Sea Dogs game and said it was quite an experience. "What happened on the bus, stays on the bus...."

Curtis told us that Wheeler Insurance has had 15 referrals resulting in a donation of \$350.00 to our club. I don't remember who said it, but one of our members who had them price their insurance saved them over \$500.00 annually. You can still get a quote which will benefit the club through this week.

For the last time, here is the offer from **Wheeler Insurance:**

"For the month of July, any referral we receive, we will donate \$25 to the Oxford Hills Rotary Club. A referral is when we are contacted for a quote from someone saying you referred them to us. Don't worry, we will ask on every call. The person you refer doesn't have to purchase a policy (but we hope to deliver a good proposal). We then put your name in our monthly drawing for \$500.00. Each referral equals one entry into the monthly drawing. The more referrals for July, the bigger the donation to the Rotary Club will be. Refer your friends and family in July for a quote from Wheelers Insurance!"

Whealersinsurance.com – 207-743-8927 - @wheelersinsurance

Stan says we have a tent to set on the 27th for Sarah Glynn.

Last Week:

President George led us in Pledge and 4-Way Test. Lois Strauss gave the blessing and Dan A. led us in singing the second verse of "Home on the Range."

Program Chair Val Weston introduced Karla Honecky, the Managing Director of McLaughlin Gardens in South Paris. Karla said she started as a volunteer in 2015 and was named Director in 2019. Since then, she has been working diligently to improve the gardens and change the direction instituted by the

former director who viewed the garden as more of a museum than a place of activity and community involvement. The Garden is now in the National Register of Historic Places. They purchased the property next door and have cleared it for additional parking. The house has been painted and space made available for workshops and speakers on gardening, art and other activities. Karla has been working hard to get everything in order. She brought in music for the Lilac Festival over Mother's Day and she introduced an early plant sale for members before opening to the general public. She also thanked the Interact Club for helping with the lantern project at Halloween. Funding for the garden comes almost entirely from memberships, donations and corporate sponsorships as grants have become increasingly difficult to find. Please join and volunteer!

🤔 Happy and Sad Dollars 🤔

Curtis said he phoned Glenn who is on his way to Vancouver, BC, after his and Sharon's Covid delay.

Dan A. sat with Chris's mother, Phyllis, and said he learned a great deal about her son. LOL!

Dave said that he and Becky are celebrating their 36th anniversary, and that he, Becky, Frank and Connie are looking forward to going to the Sea Dogs when Frank and Connie are here in August – and that they will be wearing helmets!

Lois had thank-you dollars for Val and John transporting her to and from Rotary these last few weeks.

Warren thanked Dave for the anniversary reminder.

Patty thanked Dan for arranging the Sea Dogs game and remarked that she and George were married at McLaughlin Garden 22 years ago.

50/50 – Patty drew Becky's number, but Becky drew the Ace of Spades. There was \$55 in the pot.

Joke or Pun?

So this fellow was out for a drive when he suddenly ran out of gas. While he was sitting there wondering what to do, a bee came to his window and asked what was wrong. Astonished, the fellow told the bee that he ran out of gas. The bee said "Don't worry. I'll be right back." A few minutes later, he arrived with his whole hive. They flew into the gas tank and a minute or two later, came flying back out. The bee went to the fellow and said "You're all set." Continuing to be astonished at this turn of events, the fellow turned the key and his car started right up. He turned to the bee and asked "What kind of fuel did you put in my tank?" The bee replied, "Why BP, of course."

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; Jen Sherbinski – 7/16; Connie Shorey – 7/16

July Anniversaries – Paul and Dawne THornfeldt – 7/1; Warren and Susan Spencer – 7/23; Dave and Becky Preble – 7/26

July Membership Anniversaries – Frank Shorey – 38 years – 7/1 and Val Weston – 35 years – 7/22

The Rotary Code of Conduct:

As a Rotarian, I will –

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. 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 the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment free environment in Rotary meetings, events and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help insure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

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 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