

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: 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 209th day of 2021. There are 156 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Warren Spencer and our greeter is Dan Allen.

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.

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:

I did not get the visiting Rotarian and guest sign-in sheet last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole had a “Senior” Rotary Moment in that he forgot he was supposed to be greeter last week. However, he did introduce our guests.

Announcements:

Lobster Tickets – If you need more Lobster 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.

Red Snapper Day at the Sea Dogs – if you didn’t go, we missed you and you missed a great time. The game turned around in the last inning with the “Red Snappers” coming from behind and winning 6 to 4. It wasn’t looking good there for a while, but they came back and gave us an exciting finish. The food was excellent and plentiful, and the fireworks show at the end of the game was awesome. I think this should be an annual event!! Patty Rice sent me three pictures which I have attached at the end of the Reader.

There are sign-up sheets available for the purchase of Rotary polo shirts and t-shirts. If you don’t have one, need a replacement or simply want an extra one or two, now is the time to order.

We also passed around a sympathy card for everyone to sign for Merrill Rollins on the passing of our Past District Governor, Sheila Rollins.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “God Save the Queen,” a curious choice but one we have sung before and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Co-President Chris Summers handed out several perfect attendance awards – Peter Kaurup – 2 yrs., Liz Knox – 3 yrs., John Griffith – 14 yrs., Curtis Cole – 15 yrs., Bob Schott – 25 yrs., and last but certainly not least, Frank Shorey – 37 yrs. Frank, of course, will have to wait until he comes back to Maine next month to get his pin. Congratulations to all!

Paul Thornfeldt introduced his guest speaker, Paul Taylor, owner of Mountain View Home Inspections. Paul said he last spoke to us 7 years ago about radon. Although not a water expert, he spoke to us this time about well water from the point of view of a home inspector. In essence, if you have a well, you should be testing for bacteria annually and for radon, uranium, lead and flouride every three to five years. Maine, and particularly Oxford County, has one of the highest incidences of radon, uranium and arsenic in water in the entire country. Radon in water does not hurt to ingest, but it is the fumes from taking showers or using other faucets that is the problem – similar to having radon in your cellar. The thing to remember is that well water can change over time. What might be have been safe when initially tested might not be safe now.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Lois was happy to be going to visit a long-time girl-friend who got married for the first time last Christmas at the age of 76.

Patty had sad dollars for the passing of PP Chris Weston's mother, Dorie Hobbs, last week.

Warren had happy dollars for spending the evening with 15 fraternity friends last weekend.

Curtis helped putting tents up last weekend but taking them down was difficult because Co-President Chris's son, who helped put them up, was over exuberant at pounding in the stakes.

Glenn had a happy dollar to encourage us to help Paul sell the two cars we received from Bessey's and Ripley & Fletcher Ford for our "auction." Help pass the word around.

John was happy that his and Shelley's company came last Wednesday afternoon and happy that they left on Sunday morning.

Dave was happy that all of his family came for a visit. He was particularly happy that his daughter won the women's class at the mountain bike races at Sugarloaf and his grandson, at age 15, came in 2nd in the men's division.

Bob was happy that he was able to go out on the river for the first time recently since he finished with his re-hab.

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 – Dan H. drew Liz's number but she drew the 8 of Spades – not the King of Clubs. There was \$252.00 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

What do you call venomous snakes used for clearing rain off a car windshield when someone is driving? Why windshield vipers, of course.

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

.....And to see if anyone actually reads the Reader all the way to the end, since July 1, there have been two errors in the Reader, one unintentional and the other intentional, and except for DG Dick Hall, who mentioned the unintentional one to me, no one in the club has said anything to me about them. I have fixed the unintentional one but have left the intentional one again this week. Any guesses?





