

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 186th day of 2023. There are 179 days remaining in the year. This morning, ROTY Tina Fox will be giving her updated classification talk. Val Weston is our greeter. For those who keep track of such things (like me), we have turned the corner on the year and now have fewer days remaining in 2023 than days to go.

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.

July:

10 – Board meeting at South Paris Town office, 4:45 PM.

12 – John Griffith and Chris Summers. John’s guest speaker is Dan Walsh, President of Norway Savings Bank.

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Wilgosz from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. She brought along her husband, Bob. Past member Perry Palmer and his daughter, Jen Palmer, were also in attendance. Frank and Joel joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Allen brought his t-shirt from the 1992 Bean-Whole-Bean Festival that had the names of the members in the club printed on the back. Hard to believe that was 41 years ago. In the beginning, the Bean Festival was not a money-making project for the club, but it later became one and Dan told us that he felt that changed the focus of the festival that ultimately led to its demise some years later.

Announcements:

President Beth – Don't forget that we have committed to cook hamburgers at the Fly In – Drive In plane and car show at the Oxford Airport on Saturday, July 8, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will only be cooking burgers, no cheese, no hot dogs. While this is not a money-making project for us, it does get our name out in the community.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, at the South Paris Town office, a week later than normal due to the 4th of July weekend. We will be meeting at 4:45 PM so as to vacate the office in time for the Selectboard meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM.

Beth also mentioned that there are 4 months in the coming Rotary year that have 5 Wednesdays and that it would be nice for us to try and do something different for that 5th meeting – something social. If anyone has any suggestions, please speak to Beth.

Glenn Huntley – said he saw Joe Galletta, owner of Ripley & Fletcher Ford, and talked to him about a car for us to auction, reminding him that he promised one last year that we ultimately did not get. Joe apologized and said he will try to come up with something this year.

Dave Preble – Looking to have the Cornhole Tournament the Sunday of Labor Day weekend in September at Ripley & Fletcher Ford. While we make money from the entry fees, he will need help soliciting businesses and others for the prizes. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Dave.

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 singing "Home on the Range." Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Beth asked PP George Rice to come forward and sign the back of our charter which all presidents do at the end of their term. George noted that he didn't sign it the last time he was president, 5 years ago, so I think he signed it twice, for our 35th and 40th years.

Then for those who weren't in attendance at our ROTY / Annual Dinner last week, George reviewed our happenings and events during his year as president.

Bob Schott took the stage and asked one of our newest members, Jeff Noblin, if he had ever heard of Moxie. Jeff said that he had heard something about it, but being a new resident of Maine, had not had the opportunity to try it. Bob then brought out a can of Moxie and said that it was our tradition to serve a glass to new members who moved here from out of state, so Jeff and Bob Wilgosz both sampled it. I think their reaction was that it was "different." It was a fun moment.

Program chair Tally Decato introduced Jess Cooper, Executive Director of Creative Norway. She told us a bit about herself and how she became associated with the group. Creative Norway was founded by and for artists. Its vision was to connect artists of all ages and disciplines from all backgrounds to then create together, support one another, teach, inspire and encourage more creativity and collaboration in the Western Foothills. Since 2019, they have expanded their core programming beyond the Norway Music and Arts Festival and are looking to be more involved with Deer Trees Theater in Harrison, the Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris, the Denmark arts center and Music on the Main in Bridgton. The Norway Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th. Jess is always looking for help if anyone is interested.

50-50: Lois drew Patty's number but Patty drew the Ace of Diamonds, not the King of Clubs. There was \$280.00 in the pot.

 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 

Perry Palmer had a happy \$5. He thanked George for his year as president and that every member should think about being president. He remembered Dave Whittier and he said he sold Town & Country Park last December after running it for 53 years.

Tina announced that Lindsey and Gilbert are having #3, so that brings her and Charlie to 6 grandchildren.

Patty told us that PDG Brad Jett – who was my DG (ed.) – called her and George on Father's Day to say he was getting a new liver. He had the surgery and is doing well.

Bob told us about his chain saw accident, a cut on his leg that required 9 stitches and he told us a story about meeting someone on the Colorado River while going through the Grand Canyon and Moxie.

John had a happy dollar for Bob that his accident wasn't more serious.

Pun for the week:

Two guys walked into a bar. The third one ducked.

July is Transition Month

July is Transition Month. Each year, Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise and a commitment to service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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

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.