

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 187th day of 2022. There are 178 days remaining in the year. We are past the half-way point of the calendar year. This week, we have a classification talk and club assembly. Our greeter is Liz Knox.

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.

July:

9 – Rotary Yard Sale, OHCHS
13 – Warren Spencer and Peter Kaurup
20 – Chris Summers and Dave Preble
27 – Val Weston and Becky Kaurup

August:

3 – Classification Talk and Glenn Huntley
10 – Beth Abbott and Dan Hart

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We had two visiting Rotarians, both from the Bethel Club – Bruce Powell and AG Michelle Cole. We were also pleased to see past member, Miranda Ward, her sons, Jackson and Sullivan, Molly Spooner from the Progress Center and Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida. Members Joel, Lynne, Frank and Tina joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Ron Morse's Rotary Moment was about the new President of Rotary International, Jennifer Jones, the first woman president of Rotary. The most recent Rotary magazine has a great article about her.

Announcements:

Co-President Chris started off by telling us that we lost a very important member of the club and despite everyone's best effort, we had to leave a tent stake behind from the wedding tent we set at his son's house. It absolutely refused to come out of the ground.

Paul said he would be passing out a sign-up sheet for the Yard sale on July 9, both this week and next. He would like to run 2 shifts so no one is obligated to be there for the day.

Patty announced that Frank and Connie Shorey would be coming to Maine for two weeks in August.

Curtis told us that if we go to Wheeler Insurance for an insurance quote, they will donate \$25 to the person's charity of choice.

Dan Hart gave the last call for Rotary at the Sea Dogs. He must receive payment by July 8. We will be in the picnic area and there will be fireworks after the game. He will be sending out an e-mail to sign-up for the bus.

Last Week:

We had our changeover meeting for the beginning of the new Rotary year. Incoming President George Rice presented gavel plaques to our outgoing Co-Presidents, Peter Kaurup and Chris Summers, and thanked them for a great year. George announced that the club gave Peter and Chris 500 points each for their co-presidency which put Peter over the top to the next level, thus presenting him with his PH & 6.

Peter then talked about all of the things we accomplished during the year, the list, of which, is on the last page of the Reader.

President George told us that he met the new RI President, Jennifer Jones, at a District Foundation dinner in York several years ago, and was proud to be presenting her message and theme to us: Imagine Rotary. Imagine all that Rotary can do, from membership, which is so important, to fund raising events,

community service projects, scholarships, and the list goes on. We must remember that we are all individually our own membership committee and must make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Lois had some sad dollars because her doctor didn't file a report with Florida DMV which resulted in her driver's license being suspended. Val can pick her up to attend Rotary but she needs a ride home after. John said that he could help.

Frank had a happy \$10 to congratulate John on being chosen Rotarian of the Year, to Peter and Chris for their year as co-presidents and to George for his incoming presidency.

Patty was happy to see our guests, for PDG Jim Lilley who recently celebrated his 96th birthday, that she and George went to Boothbay Harbor for Frank Hellman's memorial service and lastly that Austin Associates was chosen as Business of the Month for May by the Chamber of Commerce.

Bruce Powell brought greetings from the Bethel Club and announced that they are back to meeting in person on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn on Rt. 2.

Beth had reminder dollars for this weekend's Fly In/Drive In plane and car show and that we will be cooking from 9:00 to Noon. She also said a bear crossed the road.....my notes are incomplete on that one..... and that past member Heidi Ortiz received a 4.0 grade as she pursues her degrees in accounting.

Tina had a happy \$20 for Peter's and Chris's year as Co-presidents and for her husband, Charlie, who was very surprised to be honored by the club with a PHF. She also had an awesome fishing trip last weekend.

Paul told us that Dawne was very surprised at receiving her PHF from the club last week and thanked us for it. He also thanked Peter and Chris for an interesting year.

50/50 – Jen Sherbinski drew the winning ticket that belonged to our guest, Sully Ward. However, he did not draw the King of Clubs so did not win the \$34 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

It seems that last week, Patty Rice looked out her kitchen window and saw a very unusual ant hill. Not wanting to bother George, she called an exterminator who came right over. They went out to investigate and found the ant hill, along with a calculator, a W2, a bunch of receipts and a blank tax return. The exterminator thought for a moment, "Hmmm.... not just ants, Mrs. Rice.... Account-ants."

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 4-Way Test

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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

Accomplishments/Completed Activities for RY 2021-2022

Tents Setups/Takedowns

Online Training

Lobster Cook Drive Thru

Rotary Yard Sale and Car Sales

Paris Hill Cemetery Cleanup

Sea Dogs Game social

Participated in other Clubs, Zone, District and RI Zoom Calls

Paris Gazebo Renovation

Assisted Interact with the OHCHS Chorale Holiday Program at the Paris Gazebo

Attended District Events, including training

Scheduled paddle event for District Affinity Paddling Group

Norway Lake Roadside Cleanup

Participated in other Rotary Club's 5K running race fundraiser

Participated in OHCHS "Vision of a Graduate" focus group

Cooked/prepared food at OHCHS events

Picked-up/delivered food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank to Norway UU Church Food Distribution Program and a student snack program at OHCHS

Picked-up furniture for future funding sales

Pints for Polio Fundraiser and participated in other club's PfP event

Students of the Month monthly breakfasts, top 5% students and retiring OHCHS Principal's recognition

Donation and presentation of a check for the building of a shelter at Responsible Pet Care

Assisted Interact in holiday parade float build

Hosted the OHCHS Chorale presenting holiday music

Participated in Christmas for Teens

Dictionary Project

Vocational Service Month with Six Speakers

Knitting caps and scarves for Stephen's and Western Maine Cancer Resource Center

Assisted Interact in the planning of and working May Day Play Day

Prepared and cooked for Lobsters for Scholars winners

Rotarian of the Year and PHF recognition of non-Rotarians

OHCHS Picnic and Project Graduation

RYLA event