



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."

2022-2023 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 222nd day of 2022. There are 143 days remaining in the year. Our program chair this morning is Beth Abbott and our greeter is Dan Hart.

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:

17 – Dan Allen and John Griffith

24 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

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

31 – Evening Social and Tally Decato

September:

7 – Classification Talk – Chris Summers and Curtis Cole

14 – John Griffith and Dan Allen

21 – Evening Social and Beth Abbott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our visiting Rotarian. Her guest was Robert Wilgosz. Frank and Dan H. joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dave Preble talked about the club, where we started and where we have gone. Bethel was our mother club. One of our first fund raisers was the Bean-hole Bean Festival that we took over from the Chamber of Commerce and we made \$500. Our first Lobster Fest was in 1986, a tradition we carried on for 35 years.

Announcements:

We did one of our Lobsters for Scholars dinners last weekend and cleared \$2400. Because the lobster cookers still had very hot water in them, George trailered them home full of water. The moral of this story is not to follow George home or you will end up with hot lobster water all over your car.

From the board meeting:

Fair parking in September is definitely a go. We still have some time slots to fill.

The board has decided not to have the Lobster Fest this year. After 35 years, the board felt we needed to take a break, citing the uncertainty of having enough staff and the cost of lobster and clams.

Dave is working with the Fair on holding the Corn-Hole Tournament. The Fair is charging us \$200 for the space, which will be outside, so hoping for good weather on Saturday, September 17 from noon until 4:00 PM. We will have some outside help from some of the Corn-Hole folks. We need to contact local businesses for the prize money so we can keep all the entry money fees. We had 22 businesses help out with the first tournament we did.

The board has decided not to institute a charge to those members who Zoom as was previously discussed and we will continue to take attendance and keep track of it as we have through the years. However, we will not emphasize an attendance requirement for new or existing members. This will allow those who wish to maintain perfect attendance to do so, while giving flexibility to new and existing members for whom weekly attendance is not as important.

We will be having an evening social meeting at Beth's and Patty's mother's home at 76 Jackson Lane. Beth and Patty say she is really excited about hosting us. The club will supply hot dogs, President George will bring beef for hamburgers and the rest will be pot luck. A sign-up sheet will be passed around shortly.

Last, and certainly not least, Lois has invited all of us to attend her wedding to Bob Wilgosz on October 1, at 2:00 PM at Papoose Pond Resort. (and of course, it's Bob's wedding, too). If you plan to attend, please call Lois at 1-239-464-6940 so she can plan on food

Last Week:

In the absence of President George (who along with Patty) was recovering from a late night attending a Jimmy Buffett concert, PE Beth Abbott led our meeting with the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Lois Strauss gave the blessing.

For our program, Val Weston gave her updated classification talk. Val is a Norway girl, through and through. She was born in Norway and pretty much has lived here all her life. She attended the little red schoolhouse by Norway Lake and graduated from Oxford Hills High School. She was on the student council and was involved in the transition of the Norway and Paris schools into SAD 17. After high school, she went to the University of Maine in Orono and ended up teaching school at Rowe with Mary Lou Burns. She met her first husband, married and moved to Portland, but they ended up moving back to Norway in 1969 where she resumed teaching at the junior high school. However, with the birth of her second child, she decided to become a stay at home mom so she and her husband could qualify to buy a home as together, they made too much money to qualify. It was during this process that she became interested in real estate and as such, she became a broker on June 6, 1973. She started at Town Line Realty, where she stayed for 6 years. She then started Village Square Realty in 1979 and the rest is history.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Chris had happy dollars for his daughter who was going into labor with her first child. (Congratulations to Chris on becoming a grandfather and to Phyllis for becoming a great-grandmother)!

Glenn was happy for July – a lot going on. He and Sharon had a great time in Vancouver.

Dave had several dollars – he won't be here next week but is leaving a lot of Red Sox gear for Frank. He and Becky also celebrated their 36th Wedding anniversary and that Becky will be having rotator cuff surgery.

Warren was happy to say that his daughter is home from her latest tour in Iraq and hopes to see her soon.

50/50 – Val drew visitor Bob Wilgosz's number, but Bob drew the 8 of Diamonds, not the King of Clubs. There was \$74 in the pot.

Funny for the Week

“I will never forget the look on the cashier's face when she scanned the package of bird seed, and I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow when I plant them.”

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays – Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries – None found

August Membership Anniversaries – None found

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