



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 223rd day of 2021. There are 142 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speakers are Carol Madsen and Steve Wight who will be talking about Kakamega Healthy Families. Paul Thornfeldt is our greeter.

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:

14 – Work on Gazebo at Moore Park

18 – Dan Allan and Warren Spencer

21 – Drive-thru Lobster Fest at OHCHS

25 – Curtis Cole and Bob Schott

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

September:

1 – Club Assembly and Lynne Schott

8 – Pat Cook and Patty Rice

15 – Tally Decato and George Rice

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Our visiting Rotarians were District Governor Dick Hall and First Lady Andrea Hall from Portland, AG Michele Cote from Bethel, Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, and Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston told us that her guest speakers next week (now this week) will be Carol Madsen from Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary and Steve Wight from Bethel Rotary who will be talking about Kakamega Healthy Families. She also told us that there is a vacancy on the district's International committee if anyone is interested in serving.

Membership Moment:

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Becky Kaurup reminded us that August is membership month. She read from an article in the Rotary magazine written by RI President Mehta that Rotarians serve to change the world and that his goal for this Rotary year is to increase Rotary's membership from 1.2 million members to 1.3 million. If every Rotarian brought one new member, we could easily accomplish this goal. Each one bring one!

Announcements

Lobster Tickets – Today is the deadline for turning in lobster tickets and money, but there will still be room for some stragglers before we have to put in our food order. Any questions or issues, please speak to Becky Kaurup.

Continuing Reminder - please be sure to enter your extra hours in the log book, or e-mail or otherwise inform George of the extra time you put in. It's easier to do it once a week than wait until the end of the month and try to remember what you did.

Dave - lost his bet with Frank that if the Tampa Bay Rays were in first place when Frank came home, he would wear a Rays shirt to Rotary. Unfortunately, with a short time to go, the Red Sox lost 5 in a row which put the Rays in first place, so Dave switched allegiances and wore a Rays shirt. However, as he started to sit down, he stood back up, said it was not the Truth and took off the Rays shirt to uncover a Red Sox shirt.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing. Dan Allen was not present to lead us in song, and despite pleas from some members, Frank Shorey declined to do so.

Co-Presidents Peter and Chris introduced DG Dick Hall. Dick started his presentation with a short video, Playing for Change which highlighted a number of Rotary projects and outreach. Dick then told us how he came to Rotary through family connections and then to India on a business trip in 1983 when he saw many, many people using skate boards as wheel chairs. He got involved in the Worcester, Massachusetts Rotary, then moved to Maine where he joined the Lewiston-Auburn club and then finally, to Portland. He has chaired numerous projects. He talked about the numerous areas of focus for this year – the clubs themselves, service, membership and growth, public image, social interaction and fun. He told us to do what works for our club and that we should keep up with our Visioning – that we can have a mini-Visioning to help with a particular project if we would like. He also talked about growing membership with the theme – “Everyone bring one” and that we should be proud of everything we do. He reminded us to continue to support the Foundation and Polio Plus. There will also be a District wide “Ocean, Lake and River” clean-up the weekends of September 17, 18, 24 and 25 and a “Pints for Polio” event the weekends of October 7, 8, 15 and 16. At the conclusion of his talk, we presented him with two tickets to our Drive-thru Lobster Fest on August 21.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dave had \$5 unhappy dollars for the Sox.

Lois was happy for spending a day with her daughter last week and going to an Escape Room.

Frank had a happy to be back dollar and said that Connie was sleeping in.

Patty had a sad dollar to tell us that PDG Tim Placey’s wife, Gladys, passed away last week.

DG Dick had happy dollars for heading home to Portland to take care of their four year old and eighteen month old grandchildren for the afternoon.

Becky was happy that her and Peter’s family was coming to Maine for the first time in over a year; that they have not been here since she and Peter moved into their current home on the pond.

AG Michele had a late dollar and said that it is always fun to come to an OH meeting.

Bob had happy dollars for his and Lynne’s grandson’s 3rd birthday.

Glenn had happy dollars for the day he and John spent touring Portland, South Portland and having lunch at the Lobster Shack at Two Lights in Cape Elizabeth.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

August Wedding Anniversaries – None

August Membership Anniversaries - None

50/50 – I didn't hear who drew the winning ticket and what card was drawn, so on the way out, I asked Curtis. He told me, I didn't write it down when I got to the car, and now I have totally forgotten. I do remember that the pot rolled over.

Pun of the Week:

My friend drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how his Mercedes bends.

Quote for the Week:

“When you see a want, supply it. When you see a defect, correct it. When you hear a call for help, answer it.”

~ James F. Conway ~

Former Rotary International President

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