



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 229th day of 2022. There are 136 days remaining in the year. Dan Allen is program chair this week. His guest speakers are Sheriff Chris Wainwright and former Sheriff, Skip Herrick. Our greeter is yours truly, John Griffith.

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:

24 – Tally Decato and Tina Fox. Tally's guest speaker is John Williams, Executive Director of the OH Chamber of Commerce.

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 Meeting at the Church and Beth Abbott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, and Bonnie Gould from Ossipee, NH were our visiting Rotarians. Robert Wilgosz was the guest of Lois Strauss, Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey, and Connor Burnham was the guest of Glenn Huntley. I did not note who was on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Hart told us that one of his favorite sections of the Rotary magazine is the “Our World” column that talks about different projects that clubs are or have done. Two, in particular, caught his attention – the Rotary Club of Duvall, Washington celebrated Valentine’s Day by hanging double-sided hearts from light poles along a mile-long stretch of Main St. Bearing messages from residents and businesses at a cost of \$50 each, they raised \$13,500.00. The second club was the Rotary Club of Kos, Greece where the local club raised \$2,300.00 to purchase 2,000 feet of fire hose, nozzles and connectors for the Island’s fire department.

Announcements:

President George – we received a thank-you note from Liz Dunn, one of our scholarship recipients. She said she is looking forward to joining us at a meeting in January.

Dennis Robillard needs help on Saturday, August 20, loading crutches, wheel chairs and such for Crutches for Africa. Talk with George for more info.

We will be having an evening social and cook-out on Wednesday, August 31, at Beth’s and Patty’s mother’s home at 76 Jackson Lane in Norway. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers; there will be a sign-up sheet for pot luck this week and next week.

Dave Preble – the Cornhole Tournament is on for Saturday, September 17 at the Oxford County Fair from noon until 4:00 PM. Dave said he will need 6 people to help him with this, so if you are available, please let Dave know.

Tina Fox – there are still some spaces to fill for the Fair parking. Wednesday is full, but there is still a need for Thursday, Friday and particularly, Saturday. Tina hopes that we will have help from the Interact Club.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “This Land is Your Land” and Lois Strauss gave the blessing.

To start things off, President George asked Frank, Val and Beth to come forward to receive their EREY sticker for their badge as they have already fulfilled their commitment to donate \$100.00 to the Foundation.

George also asked Secretary John Griffith to come forward to receive his PHF + 5 pin. Congratulations John!

Program Chair Beth Abbott introduced Jason Shiers from Pleasant Hill Property Services and the force behind the Lakeside Norway project. Through his landscaping business, Jason learned that he enjoyed helping people and other companies to put on various shows such as the Maine Flower Show. That prompted his interest in the Lakeside property, his desire to turn it into a destination for residents and tourists with various activities and to keep it a green space for the town. The property now consists of 6.6 acres from Butter's Park to White's Marina. Jason wants to use the property to benefit Norway with 4-season activities.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Frank was happy to be back home in Maine, if only for a short time. He thanked Dave and Becky Preble for letting him and Connie stay at their house while they are here. He and Connie were also happy to be going to a Sea Dogs game with Becky and Dave after the fiasco they had at the game last year.

Patty was happy that she and George got to go to the Jimmy Buffett concert last week in Bangor and that it is nice to see Frank and Connie.

Glenn was happy to bring his guest, Connor Burnham, from Ripley & Fletcher Ford.

Bob reported that he rides his bike around the Lakeside Norway property and finds it a nice place to do so.

Phyllis was happy to announce the birth of her great-granddaughter last week. Mom and the baby are doing great. She also pointed out that Chris is now a grandfather.

Tina spent 10 days up in northern Maine camping, and while it was quiet for a few days, there was organized chaos when all 8 of her grandchildren showed up.

50/50 – Tally drew Becky's ticket but Becky drew the 3 of Clubs. There was \$87 in the pot.

Funny for the Week

In grade 11 in high school history class, the teacher was talking about different bills the government implemented through our history, such as the Bill of Rights. Thirty minutes into the lesson, the girl next to me raised her hand and asked "who's this Bill guy we're talking about?"

How about a Pun?

Do you remember the joke I told you about the chiropractor? It was about a week back.....

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