

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Rotary



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."

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 230th day of 2021. There are 135 days remaining in the year. Dan Allen is program chair this morning and Warren Spencer is greeter. I don't have any information on a program.

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:

- 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**
- 22 – Abbie Earle and Dave Preble**
- 22 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly meeting – after our regular morning meeting.**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey and Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, were our visiting Rotarians. David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox. Joel Speakman and Alice Paul joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Paul Thornfeldt was curious so he did some research on “Oxford” and “Oxford Hills.” There are no other Rotary clubs named Oxford Hills. He did find some other places named Oxford Hills such as a golf club in Wakefield, Massachusetts. He told us there are 31 other towns named Oxford in the US and 17 more in other countries – I know there is a both a Norway and an Oxford in Prince Edward Island. In addition, there are 22 towns named Paris and 15 towns named Norway in the US. So Oxford Hills Rotary is unique – how else could it be with Frank Shorey as a member?

Membership Moment:

Becky handed out a survey on membership for everyone to complete and please turn in this week. It's pretty simple and only takes a few minutes.

Announcements

Lobster Tickets from Becky – last Wednesday was the deadline for turning in tickets. However, for stragglers, the absolute deadline was Sunday at 2:00 PM as we will be ordering food based on sales at that time. I do not know the final number as I write this, but I believe we are near 300 tickets sold.

Dan H. – We will begin our evening meetings again on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting October 20th at the church. The cost will be \$13.00 and will include dinner, salad, rolls and dessert. It is hoped that this will give us an opportunity to bring in new members who might not be able to attend a morning meeting.

Chris S. – regarding new T-shirts, we need 24 to complete the order and to date have 17, so we still need 7 more for production to begin. If you haven't ordered a shirt, now is the time to do so.

Moore Park Gazebo – last Saturday, and I assume Sunday, Peter, George, Bob, Chris and Dave Knox spent a hot morning peeling off shingles, tar paper and nails from the gazebo roof. Dan H. worked the wheel barrow, moving it around as shingles were tossed off the roof. George also had his trailer there and it was totally full by the time the work was finished. Liz, Tina and John were also there to supervise from a distance and help pick up. Despite our efforts spreading mulch last spring, there were a lot of weeds in the garden area around the gazebo, so Peter, Tina, Dan and John spent some time pulling weeds before leaving. Yours truly could not go back on Sunday, but I assume work continued.

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.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing and Dan Allen led us in singing "Yankee Doodle."

Program Chair Val Weston introduced Carol Madsen from the Bridgton-Lake Region and Steve Wight from Bethel who talked about the global grant for Growing Healthy Families in Kenya. Carol and Steve have spent a considerable amount of time through the years working with Friends of Kakamega, which our club has also supported. Friends of Kakamega recently merged with another group to form Kenya Rising with the goal of moving families out of poverty. This grant allows an expansion of the program to include the families of the students at the school, not just individual students. Steve and Carol showed a video on the program and answered questions about it.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Due to the length of our program, we did not have time for Happy or Sad Dollars.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

August Wedding Anniversaries – None

August Membership Anniversaries - None

50/50 – Ron drew Chris's number but Chris did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$286.00 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

Quote for the Week:

"Through the years, I have learned there is no harm in charging oneself up with delusions between moments of valid inspiration."

~ Steve Martin ~
American Comedian

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