



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 236th day of 2022. There are 130 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is program chair this week. Her guest speaker is John Williams, Executive Director of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Tina Fox is 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 paraphernalia.

August:

27 – Loading trailers for Crutches for Africa, 128 Saco Ave., Old Orchard, Beach at 9:00 AM.

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

31 – Evening Social and Tally Decato. We will be meeting from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Evie Marshall's home, 76 Jackson Lane, Norway.

September

7 – Classification Talk – Chris Summers and Curtis Cole

14 – John Griffith and Dan Allen

21 – Evening Meeting at the Church and Beth Abbott

28 – Dan Hart and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. Robert Wilgosz was the guest of Lois Strauss, Ellen Wainwright was the guest of our speaker, Sheriff Wainwright, and Connor Burnham was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter John Griffith shared some facts about our club. As of July 31, 2022, we had 29 members and 1 honorary member. We are 59% male and 41% female. 45% of us are over 70, 28% of us are between 60-69, 17% of us are between 50-59, and 3% of us are between 40-49. We have no members under 40 years of age. However, 7 members have not reported their birthdates on Club Runner. 55% of our members have been in Rotary for more than 20 years, 14% have been members for 10-20 years, 7% have been members 5-9 years, 21% have been members for 1-5 years and 3% have been members for less than 1 year. And lastly, during the month of July, only 3 club members signed into Club Runner.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – gave an update on the Cornhole Tournament. We have 4 hours to do this so need to keep it simple. We will be doing Doubles only with spaces for advanced players and social players. We are still looking for prize sponsorships from local businesses in the amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100. If you have any business contacts, please get in touch with them. If we get enough sponsors, then all of the admission fees come to the club.

Tina Fox – there are still some spaces to fill for the Fair parking. Tina will e-mail a sign-up sheet that we can fill out and send back to her. We especially need people to help Saturday as well as needing people to help with the Cornhole Tournament.

Last Week:

President George led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and Lois Strauss gave the blessing.

George presented perfect attendance awards to Liz Knox, 4 years; Curtis Cole, 16 years; Dan Allen, 31 years; Frank Shorey, 38 yrs. Congratulations!

Frank then asked for the floor, saying that he and Connie have enjoyed their two weeks staying at Dave and Becky Preble's house. He then presented Dave and Dan H. with a bag of Tampa Bay Rays merchandise, which I'm sure he hoped they would proudly wear and use. Frank and Connie are heading back to Florida on Monday, August 22nd.

Program Chair Dan Allen then introduced Oxford County Sheriff Chris Wainwright and retired Sheriff, Skip Herrick. Sheriff Herrick spoke first, saying that starting in 1991, he served 16 years as sheriff and ran for the office 4 times. When he first took over the sheriff's office, he had to fill two positions and of multiple applications, one stood out in particular, and that was Chris Wainwright. He hired him without confirming his age – which was 19 at the time – and he said he has never regretted his decision.

Sheriff Wainwright that the sheriff's office currently has 24 patrol deputies but that 2 are assigned to paperwork, such as serving legal documents, eviction notices and such. Oxford County is a huge territory to cover with 56 towns from southern Maine to the Quebec border. The Sheriff is also in charge of the Oxford County jail where there are currently 36 inmates. For a time, the jail was a processing center and inmates were transferred to other counties. That meant that deputies were putting in a lot of time driving inmates from place to place. Now, however, the jail is back to a full-time jail. The Sheriff believes in community policing and has spent a lot of time working on mental health, medical assistance programs, working with adult education to help people get their GEDs, and he has hired retired police officers as school resource officers.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Frank was happy that he and Connie were able to spend 2 weeks at home in Maine.

Dan had happy dollars for our guest speakers.

Lois was happy that some members had responded to her wedding invitation.

Bob said he would like to take Lois and Bob rafting to celebrate their wedding!

50/50 – Liz drew John's number, but John drew the 2 of spades. There was \$98 in the pot.

Pun for the Week

"I just crashed my new Kia. Now I have Nokia."

Ok, that was bad. Here's another:

"Did you know that Stephen King has a son named Joe? I'm not joking, but he is."

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