



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

**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."

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### 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

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**Welcome!** Today is the 243rd day of 2022. There are 122 days remaining in the year. This week, we are having an evening social and cook-out at Evie Marshall's home, 76 Jackson Lane, Norway.

**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](mailto: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.

### September:

7 – Classification Talk – Chris Summers and Curtis Cole

14 – John Griffith and Dan Allen

14-17 – Parking and ticket taking at the Oxford County Fair

21 – Evening Meeting at the Church and Beth Abbott

28 – Dan Hart and Val Weston

### October:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM.

5 – Classification Talk and Paul Thornfeldt

### **Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

Our visiting Rotarians were PDG Marie Williams from Kittery and her husband, Bruce, and Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and her fiancé, Bob Wilgosz. Connor Burnham was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Tina Fox talked about our changing world and read the following quote from Paul Harris: “This is a changing world. We must be prepared to change with it. The Story of Rotary will have to be written over and over.” We continue to write our story every day.

### **Announcements:**

**Dave Preble** – gave an update on the Cornhole Tournament. We are making progress and have a number of businesses that have provided sponsorships. Joel Speakman has donated \$200 from Edward Jones and Warren Spencer has donated \$250 from Ameriprise Financial. WOXO may do a remote broadcast. We do need some cornhole boards if anyone has one available.

**Tina Fox** – there are still a number of spaces to fill out for the Fair parking especially on Saturday afternoon. If you don't want to use the e-mail sign-up sheet Tina sent out, let her know when you can help and she will fill in the space.

**President George** – We had our second Lobsters for Scholars on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised about \$4,500.00 from the two events.

### **Last Week:**

President George led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “Happy Birthday” to Chris Summers. Lois Strauss gave the blessing.

George presented Becky Kaurup with her 4-year perfect attendance award.

Program Chair Tally Decato introduced her guest speaker, John Williams, Executive Director of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Besides being the Executive Director of the Chamber, John is an ordained minister, sheep farmer and owner of Williams Group Broadcasting Co. To say he has a lot going on is an understatement! John has been with the Chamber for 25 years in total and there are currently over 300 members. John remarked that there have been a lot of changes in the Oxford Hills community in that time, in particular mentioning that Oxford Hills Rotary is the last club standing as the Kiwanis Club and Lions Club have closed down. However, the Chamber and Rotary work toward the same goal of making our communities better.

Due to Covid and other events, the Chamber concentrates on what it can do to help keep businesses sustainable. Businesses are having issues finding and keeping employees and are having problems with

their supply chains. Connections are important and people need to work together to make things happen. The good news is that we are beginning to see new businesses coming into the area once again. The Chamber has started Business After Hours again and they will be sponsoring the Christmas Parade and Festival of Trees which will be at McLaughlin Gardens again this year.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Dave** – thanked Ameriprise Financial and Edward Jones for their contributions to the Cornhole Tournament.

**Patty** – had a happy \$10 for the Lobster’s for Scholars events and was pleased to do a podcast with John Williams during which they talked about Rotary.

**Lynne** – had a wonderful weekend with her grandchildren and met her and Bob’s in-laws from France, who remarked that they had never seen so many trees.

**Warren** – told us that he was having shoulder surgery next week so will be out of commission for a time.

**Marie Williams** had “glad to be here” and “glad to be healthy” again dollars.

**Bob** announced that all three sons and their in-laws have been rafting, which prompted him to ask Marie and Bruce to go as well.

**50/50 – Dan A. drew Phyllis’s number but Phyllis did not draw the King of Clubs.**

### **Pun for the Week**

“I tried to climb that really tall high tower in France....but Eiffel off.”

### **The Rotary Theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy**

“There are no magic answers, no miraculous methods to overcome the problems we face, just the familiar ones: honest search for understanding, education, organization, action...and the kind of commitment that will persist despite the temptations of disillusionment, despite many failures and only limited successes, inspired by the hope of a brighter future.”

~ Noam Chomsky ~

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**September Birthdays** – Dawne Wilton (Paul Thornfeldt) – 9/6; Paul THornfeldt – 9/26

**September Anniversaries** – Mike and Susan Morin – 9/9; Jen and Matt Sherbinski – 9/11; Stan and Ann Marie Brett – 9/20

**September Membership Anniversaries** – Becky Kaurup – 5 yrs. – 9/6; Beth Abbott – 20 yrs. – 9/11; Jen Sherbinski – 3 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 30 yrs. – 9/23

## **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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Stella's on the Square, 6 North High St., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School