



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, August 3, 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 215th day of 2022. There are 150 days remaining in the year. Val Weston will be giving her classification talk this morning. Glenn Huntley 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](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.

### August:

10 – Beth Abbott and Dan Hart  
17 – Dan Allen and John Griffith  
24 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox  
31 – Evening Social and Tally Decato

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our visiting Rotarian. Her guest was Robert Wilgosz. Frank and Joel joined us on Zoom.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Tina found the following quote from the Rotary Club of Bethlehem Morning Star:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.”

### **Announcements:**

**President George** finalized our “extra” hours for the year. He reported that we put in 1800 hours involving 602 different instances – and this was only what was reported.

George also told us that **Dave Preble** proposed that we do a Cornhole Tournament at the Oxford Fair. Dave talked with the Fair association and they thought it was a great idea. It could be a strain on our people resources as we have signed-up to do parking and ticket sales for one of the entrances, but Dave felt that it would not take that many people to put on. We will not be doing food, only keeping track of scoring reported to us by the players. This event would be on Saturday afternoon – it is not a four-day event like the parking.

We received a thank-you from the Harrison Food Bank. They were very grateful for our donation.

Also, please remember – do not come through the kitchen when entering or leaving the building unless you need to use the elevator.

### **Last Week:**

President George led us in Pledge and 4-Way Test. Lois Strauss gave the blessing and Dan A. led us in song.

Program Chair Chris Summers introduced Paris Town Assessor, Cindy Namer. After giving us a bit of her background, including a 30 year career with the Maine State Housing Authority, she talked about what is involved in assessing property. The Maine Constitution requires property taxes to be “assessed equally according to the just value thereof....” In other words, it is the responsibility of the Assessor to adjust property values to meet this constitutional requirement. Maine law requires the ratio between overall municipal assessed value and sale prices to be within 70% - 110% of “just value”, and if the assessor is unable to meet those standards, the State requires municipal assessors to adjust properties accordingly to maintain acceptable ratio standards.

Cindy handed out a complete explanation of how all of this works.

## 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Lois** had a happy \$5, announcing that she and her fiancé, Robert, are getting married on October 1 at Papoose Pond Resort – and that we are all invited to join in the festivities, just to let her know so she can be sure to have enough food.

**Val** had happy dollars for her 35<sup>th</sup> Rotary Anniversary.

**Patty** told us that Terry Cole had breast cancer surgery and passed around a card for us all to sign. She talked with Terry and reported that she has a great attitude.

**Lynne** was happy to spend the weekend with her youngest grandson.

**Bob** was happy he got to take his grandsons rafting recently.

**John** had some “help me” dollars and asked if anyone who knew the area would like to ride down to Logan Airport in Boston to pick up Glenn and Sharon Huntley on Friday afternoon as he had not been there since the mid 1980’s.

**50/50 – Dan A. drew Warren’s number but Warren drew the 10 of diamonds. (My notes aren’t clear and my memory is failing – this could have been the other way around). There was \$66 in the pot.**

## **Puns for the Week**

Why does the Norwegian navy have bar codes on the sides of their ships? So when they come back to port, they can Scandanavian.

There’s a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

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

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at the Community Center, 15 Depot 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