



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

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 244th day of 2021. There are 121 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly with classification talks if there is time. Lynne Schott 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's paraphernalia.

September:

1 – Club Assembly and Lynne Schott

8 – Pat Cook and Patty Rice

15 – Tally Decato and George Rice

18 – Road Clean-up in Norway

22 – Abbie Earle and Dave Preble

22 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly meeting – after our regular morning meeting.

29 – Tina Fox and Alice Paul

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey and David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Bob Schott talked about an article in the Rotary magazine about masks and masking.

Announcements

Liz – reported that the net profit from the Lobster Feed is currently \$3,758.00.

Peter – announced that the Moore Park Gazebo roof is finished. A big thank you to all who helped. We still need to do some repair, scraping and painting.

Glenn – reporting for Paul, who could not be here, told us that he had sold our second car, the Hyundai, for \$5,000.00 this past week to a 17 year old girl from Lewiston (with her parent's consent). The girl, according to Paul, had worked since age 12, saving up for her first car.

Stan – we had 4 tents set up last weekend and the next big weekend is September 18-19 when we will be setting 3 tents, including the Big Top.

Dave – Responsible Pet Care is wondering if the club would be interested in helping them build an 8x12 shady area outside their facility.

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. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing and Dan Allen led us in singing "The Welcome Song."

After the announcements, Dan Hart asked Frank and Dave to come up front to tell us about their trip to Hadlock Field. As I understand it, Frank, Connie, Dave and Becky were looking forward to an evening of baseball. Upon arriving at the stadium, while waiting for Dan to bring them their tickets, a foul ball came over the wall, hit the sidewalk just by then, and gave a glancing blow to Connie's leg as it bounced off. Not deterred, Dan brought them to their seats just 8 rows behind home plate. Shortly thereafter, another foul ball came over the netting and beamed Frank on top of his head. Although not seriously injured, Frank ended up going to the Maine Medical Center emergency room.

Program Chair Curtis Cole introduced our guest speaker, Natalie Andrews, from West Paris, the current school board chair. She spoke about the school districts newly adopted Strategic Priorities (5 year Strategic Plan) for about 10 minutes. She then fielded questions about the plan and other issues for another 10 minutes. The plan, which was adopted by the school board this past month, is posted to the district's website.

Happy Dollars

Dan A. was happy to hear from Natalie about the school district.

Frank has \$5 happy dollars for how wonderful our club is and for the great month that he and Connie had this year in the Oxford Hills.

Patty was happy to receive a thank-you letter from Kathy Whittier for sending PP Dave Whittier's Rotary mug to him.

Jen was happy to report that her husband has found a new job and that their daughter is doing much better.

Bob passed out a warning about a bug called "the kissing" bug that can cause bite problems, and that he biked from Bingham to Moxie Gore recently, which is all up hill, and I believe, about 30 miles.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays – Dawne Wilton – 9/6; Paul Thornfeldt – 9/26

September Wedding Anniversaries – Mike & Susan Morin – 9/9; Stan and Ann Marie Brett – 9/20; Chris and Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries – Becky Kaurup – 4 yrs. – 9/6; Beth Abbott – 19 yrs. – 9/11; Jenn Sherbinsky – 2 yrs. – 9/11; Patty Rice – 29 yrs. – 9/23

50/50 – Dan Hart's number was drawn but he drew the 4 of Diamonds. There was \$315 in the pot.

Pun of the Week:

The CEO of IKEA was recently elected Prime Minister of Sweden. He should have his cabinet together by this weekend.

September is New Generations Month – emphasizing Rotary’s commitment to youth.

“Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.”

From the RI website

The 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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