



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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."

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### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 258th day of 2021. There are 107 days remaining in the year. Tally Decato is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is from the Fair Share Co-op. George Rice 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's paraphernalia.

### September:

**18 – Road Clean-up in Norway**

**22 – Dan Allen and Dave Preble. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Monica Henson, Superintendent of Schools for SAD 17.**

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

**29 – Classification talks and Alice Paul**

## October:

**4 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:30 PM.**

**6 – Club Assembly and Heidi Ortiz**

**13 – John Griffith and Mike Morin – We will be putting labels in Dictionaries for the Dictionary Project**

**16 – Road Toll for Polio Plus – by the tennis courts at OHCHS on Fair St., 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**20 – Dan Hart and Liz Knox**

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Besides our guest speakers, Kari Taylor and Glenn Gordon, David Knox was the guest of Liz Knox.

## Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about our web page and all of the links that there to connect us to all kinds of Rotary information. If you have not looked at our page, the District website or the RI website lately, check them out.

## Announcements

**President Peter** – A reminder that we will be doing a Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 AM until Noon along the Lake Rd. and Crockett Ridge Rd. in Norway. Please wear your Rotary attire and safety vest.

**Secretary and Reader Editor John** – I feel I owe Bob Schott an apology for not having the Road Toll scheduled for last weekend in the calendar. I know I was surprised last week when Bob passed out the sign-up sheet as I'm sure others were. When he originally told me the dates, I put them in the calendar for October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>. I thought November was a bit late but didn't question it. I think if we had had more notice for September 12<sup>th</sup>, we would have had enough people sign up to hold it.

**Continuing Reminder** - 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.

**Stan** – we have several tents to set up for the weekend of September 18, including the Big Tent. Stan will not be available so has put Curtis in charge. We will have to work this around our road clean-up that Saturday morning.

## Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Our guest speakers were Kari Taylor and Glenn Gordon from the Western Maine Addiction and Recovery Initiative, also known as WMARI. Kari is the new Project Co-ordinator. The Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative formed in 2015 in response to the crisis of substance use disorders. The group is made up of community members and professionals from many backgrounds, including social services, behavioral health, law enforcement, the legal and faith-based communities and more. Meetings are open to all, and take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 (currently via Zoom due to COVID-19 safety precautions). Their Mission Statement is: "We will build a collaborative, non-judgmental environment to support addiction recovery through education, advocacy, and compassionate community action." The tenants of the Initiative are 1) everyone deserves recovery, 2) stigma is a barrier to recovery, 3) the language we use has a roll in stigma and reduces recovery, 4) improving understanding and educating the public helps recovery, 5) addiction impacts all of us. 504 people died from overdoses in Maine in 2020, which was a 42% increase over 2018. There is an upcoming Recovery Rally this month with a march from Longley Square in Norway to Moore Park in South Paris, where there will be a BBQ, speakers and activities. WMARI will also have their Annual Conference on December 1<sup>st</sup> with presentations and speakers.

Glenn Gordon told us he has been drug free for 13 years. Recovery is possible but stigma is one of the biggest reasons people don't seek recovery. He also told us that isolation caused by COVID 19 led to more drug abuse.

## Happy Dollars

**Glenn** – thanked our excellent and informative speakers. He had happy dollars for his son and grandchildren from Vancouver, British Columbia, who visited with him and Sharon last week. They had not seen each other for three years and all had a great time.

**Guest Glenn Gordon** was happy to be with us.

**Bob** announced the Road Toll for Sunday, September 12. Unfortunately, he did not have enough members sign up to help, so had to cancel.

**Warren** was happy that his daughter is now at home in Florida.

**Patty** had happy dollars for our speakers, that she has picked up her new Ford Edge, and for the weekend she and George spent with Peter and Becky Kaurup at Bailey's Island.

## **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** – Stan forgot that Warren won the 50/50 last week, so did not have a new deck of cards. Instead, we went with the winning ticket. Curtis's number was drawn so he won the \$10 in the pot.

### **Pun of the Week:**

Does anyone else forget the abbreviation for Maine or is it just ME?

### **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel 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