



Rotary

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 264th day of 2022. There are 101 days remaining in the year. We have an open meeting this morning. Beth Abbott is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith Johnknow 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.

September:

28 – Dictionary Project and Val Weston

October:

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

5 – Classification Talk and Paul Thornfeldt

12 – Glenn Huntley and Chris Summers

16 – Road Toll by the Tennis Courts – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

19 – Dan Hart and Warren Spencer

October cont'd:

24 - Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office at 5:30 PM, moved up a week due to Halloween.

26 – District Governor Claudia Frost and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

September 7th – Natalie Donais from Suffield, Connecticut was our visiting Rotarian and Connor Burnam was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

September 14th – Barry Roderick from Dr. Phillips Rotary in Orlando, Florida and Lois Strauss from Estero Rotary in Estero, Florida were our visiting Rotarians. Bob Wilgosz was the guest of Lois Strauss and Connor Burnam was the guest of Glenn Huntley.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dan Allen remembered our past connections to the Oxford County Fair, starting with the Bean-Hole-Bean Festival and later Cow Chip Casino using one of George Rice's bulls.

Proposed Member:

Connor Burnam has been proposed for membership by Glenn Huntley. Connor has been attending as Glenn's guest for the last several weeks. He is in sales at Ripley & Fletcher Ford. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

Announcements:

Last week's announcements mostly centered on last weekend's events – parking at the Fair and the Cornhole Tournament on Saturday afternoon. In checking with President George, the parking went well with no major issues popping up. The Interact students were a great help and we thank them for stepping up. We had 12 teams for the Cornhole Tournament on Saturday afternoon, and while we didn't make a lot of money, the event went well and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Update on PP Pat Cook – Val Weston connected with Debbie McDonnell, Bruce Cook's daughter. She told Val that Pat is now living in Tucson, Arizona, close to her oldest daughter, Meg. Her address is:

The Hacienda at the River
Apt. #5104
2720 East River Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718

President George – if you have not turned in a survey form about our evening social meetings, please complete one and turn it in.

Paul Thornfeldt talked with Erica at Cabot Cheese. We cannot get exactly 1000 cheese wheels because of the number in each carton – so we can get 996. The Farmington Club is asking for 1200. Erica told Paul that they have to shut down regular production to make these wheels and that because of the lack of help, the management staff will actually be making them. We will have to pick them up in Farmington prior to November 13 and because they come on pallets, we will need two trucks or a truck and a trailer. We will have to increase the price to \$20 because of Cabot's price increase so that we will continue to make \$8 per wheel. Paul will be setting up tables and the cheese in the storage trailer in the school lot behind Gouin Field.

Last Week:

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

After the announcements, Program Chair John Griffith introduced our guest speaker, Alison Jones Webb, MA, MPH, author of **Recovery Allies: How to Support Addiction Recovery and Build Recovery-Friendly Communities.**

Alison started off by telling us that she has a long-time connection to Rotary, having been a Rotary Exchange student in Sweden when she was 16 years old. She grew up in Ohio but lived in Waterville for 25 years and Portland for 10 years before retiring and moving to Virginia. Her career has always been in public health, working in the recovery community, trying to learn the lay of the land and the stigma associated with substance abuse. She later focused on what people and communities can do to help people recover. Housing is a major problem for folks trying to recover from addiction. There are 120 residences in Maine available, but often that is not enough. Helping people in recovery means keeping them focused and busy – volunteer work, education, employment and connecting with people around them are all part of the process. These are all areas where members of the community can help.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan – was happy to see his old classmate, Barry Roderick, who was visiting from Florida. He also said that he can now fit in his old college fraternity jacket due to his recent weight loss.

Barry Roderick – had happy to be here dollars. He came to Maine to see his mom who he said was like the Ever Ready bunny, she just keeps on going.

Warren survived his shoulder surgery, was getting his stitches out and was anxious to start driving again.

Bob said he was recently involved in his first river recovery. He also found out that Key Bank has lollipops wrapped in their logo so asked if they would be interested in supplying lollipops for our October Road Toll. They called him back and said yes.

Lois had happy dollars, referring to Bob's getting lollipops, we can't have if we don't ask.

**50/50 – Warren drew Stan's number, but Stan didn't draw the King of Clubs.
There was \$137 in the pot.**

I'm sure everyone has run into this at some point in their life:

The Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to go pee.

The Rotary Theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy

“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears and never regrets.”

~ Leonardo da Vinci ~

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

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 Stella's on the Square, 6 North High 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