



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."

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 265th day of 2021. There are 100 days remaining in the year. Dr. Monica Henson, Superintendent of Schools for SAD 17 is our guest speaker. Dave Preble is scheduled to be 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:

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:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida, was our only visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter George Rice gave us an update on Polio Plus. With donations from the Gates Foundation, since 1985, Rotary has raised \$2.1 billion dollars to eradicate polio and Oxford Hills Rotarians have donated \$28,000.00 to date.

Announcements

President Peter – We received a thank-you note from the Marine Corps League for sponsoring their golf tournament on September 11 to benefit veterans and veteran programs.

We also received a thank-you letter from Jason Ledoux for his Rotary scholarship.

For those members on the **Charitable Foundation board**, remember that we will be having a quarterly meeting after this morning's regular meeting.

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.

Last Week:

Co-President Peter led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless our Rotary," and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

PP and PDG George Rice came forward to present Liz Knox with a Paul Harris Fellow award, emphasizing that the donations we make to the Foundation improve the lives of people we will never meet. Congratulations Liz!

Program Chair Tally Decato introduced our guest speaker, Zizi Vlaun, General Manager of the Fair Share Co-op in Norway. Fair Share started in a barn in South Paris back in 1978, then moved to West Paris, to Tannery St. in Norway, and thanks to then Town Manager, Dave Holt, to their current location on Main St. in Norway in 1999. Zizi told us she has been a member of the co-op for 20 years and has been general manager for the last 2. There are currently 500 members in the co-op but that you don't need to be a member to shop in the store. The cost to join is \$75 and that is for a life-time membership. The Co-op owns the building they are located in and they currently have 5 businesses and 3 non-profits renting space.

They currently have 10 employees and everyone is making at least \$15 per hour. The Co-op will have sales of almost \$1M this year. It is important to note that they will price match any of their competition in the area and that they can order anything you can purchase at Whole Foods.

Happy Dollars

Lynne was happy that she and Bob were able to spend last Saturday in Vermont visiting with their son and family. They had a chance to see where Ben and Maud are going to build a new home.

Curtis had happy dollars for Peter and Becky taking care of his and Terry's dog, Emma, while they were away for last weekend.

Patty was happy to tell us that she and George are heading to California for the weekend to attend their nephew Nick's wedding.

Glenn went fishing and had a good time, telling us he caught a "splake" trout and telling us the differences between a splake, brook and lake trout.

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 – We think Warren drew Ron's number as he couldn't find his ticket and no one else claimed the winning number. Ron didn't draw the King of Clubs, however, so the pot rolled over.

Pun of the Week:

A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case.

Quote of the Week

“Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

~ Helen Keller ~

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