



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
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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 251st day of 2021. There are 114 days remaining in the year. PP Pat Cook is program chair this morning and Patty Rice is greeter. Glenn Gordon and Kari Taylor from WMARI are our guest speakers.

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:

15 – Tally Decato and George Rice

18 – Road Clean-up in Norway

22 – Dan Allen and Dave Preble

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

29 – We need a program chair 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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Lynne Schott talked about Beth's grandson, Bentley, helping out at the Lobster Drive-thru which shows that Rotary reaches out to both the young and the old. She also commented on how important it is to continue to explore other meeting options such as hybrid meetings, different meeting times, and so on in order to attract new members.

Announcements

President Peter – We received a thank-you letter from the East Otisfield Food Pantry for our donation. They said it would go a long way toward their being able to provide food for their area.

Also, 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.

We are continuing our work on the Moore Park Gazebo. No particular hours are planned, but if you have time during the week, there is still scraping and painting to do. Even if you can go over for just a half hour, it would be a help.

Carol Madsen from the Bethel-Lake Region Club is looking for a driver to deliver for the Norway area for the Harrison Food Pantry. If anyone is interested, please contact Carol or speak to Dan Hart.

Treasurer Liz reported that we have \$19,411.35 in our checkbook after all income and expenses have been accounted for year to date. We made approximately \$3,570.00 from the Lobster Drive-thru and we have sold both cars from the Auction-Flea Market.

Dave Preble - regarding the Responsible Pet Care request for help building a shaded area, they are looking to build an open "shed" area as shade for the animals and are calling it "Jay's Shade Pad" in honor of Jay Partridge. They do not yet have anything "nailed" down (pardon the pun) but will let us know when they are ready. Dave will continue to be the contact for this project.

Paul Thornfeldt – has been in contact with Cabot Farms regarding cheese wheels. Cabot is apparently having a major labor shortage which has made it difficult for them to meet their commitments. Those that

are working are putting in 7 days a week. They will have to make a special production run of the 2 pound wheels just for us and for the Farmington Club and have committed to 900 wheels for Farmington and 600 for us. However, they cannot yet give us a delivery date. It is hopeful that we can meet the delivery truck in Farmington when the time comes.

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, 4-Way Test and a Rotary prayer.

After the announcements, President Peter announced that John Griffith and Dave Preble were scheduled to give updated classification talks. John went first and ultimately used all of the time available, much to Dave's disappointment.

John was born in Portland but when he was 6 months old, his parents bought a home in South Portland, so John grew up there. He graduated from South Portland High School and the University of Maine at Portland – Gorham or POGO U as it was called then. In fact, the first year of college, it was called Gorham State Teacher's College, later changing to Gorham State College and finally to POGO U by the time he graduated. John then spent 2 years teaching 5th, 6th and 7th grade social studies, reading and science in Chelsea, Maine, otherwise known as the back door to Togus. Those were not particularly happy years so in the fall of 1974, he joined Casco Bank and Trust Co. as a teller at the Commercial Street office in Portland, leading to a banking career totaling 38 years as teller, head teller, assistant manager, bank branch manager and mortgage loan officer. He, Shelley and family lived in North Windham, Center Conway, Norway, Buckfield, Limerick, Conway and then back to Norway, where they were finally able to put down roots that so far have lasted for 30 years. John ultimately retired from Norway Savings Bank after spending the last 14 years of his career there. He and Shelley have three children, Courtney, who lives in Kingston, NH with her husband, Andy, and son Zachary; Daniel, his wife, Brandi, and their three children, William, Austin and Josie, who live in Otisfield and Ian, his wife Aimee, and their two children, Molly and Grace who live in Auburn. Of course, everyone knows John is a car nut and has been one since he knew what they are. John's Rotary career began in 1983 when he was asked to be a charter member of Oxford Hills Rotary. Due to job changes, he left the club in 1984, later joining the North Conway Rotary Club from 1987-1989. It wasn't until 2006 that he re-discovered Rotary and joined Oxford Hills for a second time, serving as President from 2008-2009 and as Secretary since 2015.



Lois had sad dollars for falling on the floor due to an attack of vertigo two weeks ago. She was happy, though, that she can now get around using her cane.

Patty had a happy \$10 that her new Ford Edge has finally come in and that she will be picking it up shortly.

Bob had an announcement dollar telling us that anyone over 50 should get down on the floor and get back up once every day for the rest of their life.

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 – Lois drew Warren's number and pick of luck, Warren drew the King of Clubs, thereby winning the \$324 in the pot. Congratulations Warren!

Maine Puns:

Lobster is *butter* when we're together.

Seas the day! order the lobster

Party like a *lobstar!*

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