



Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

**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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### 2024-2025 Officers:

Rotary International President: Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania - District 7780  
Governor: Robert McKenzie, Rotary Club of Kennebunk, ME – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Dan Allen –  
President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Connor Burnam - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt.  
At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Service Chair: Bob Schott – Vocational Service Chair: Jeff  
Noblin - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair  
and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Welcome!** Today is the 276th day of 2024. There are 90 days remaining in the year. Can you believe it?  
This morning is a Club Assembly with Liz Knox as our greeter.

Program Chairs: Please let John know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can text or call John at 207-461-7158 or e-mail 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 paraphernalia.

### October:

**9 – Ron Morse and David Knox. Ron’s guest speaker is Samantha Masabny, owner of “Woods” located in the Opera House.**

**16 – Jeff Noblin and John Griffith**

**23 – Dave Preble and Tina Fox**

**27 – Road Toll by the tennis courts, Fair St.**

**30 – GeorgeRice and Tally Decato**

## *Visiting Rotarians and Guests*

Lois Strauss Wilgosz from Estero, Florida and her husband, Bob, were our guests once again as they were not able to leave for Florida last Monday as they planned.

## *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Ron Morse said that he was happy to see everyone and said not to forget that we need new members!

## *Last Week:*

*President Dan* – was back after his bout with Covid. He led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Dan announced that since Bob did such a good job taking care of the Lottery Raffle Tickets last week, Dan asked him to continue in that role, to which Bob has agreed. So if you need more tickets, see Bob. Dan also reminded us that one of the ways the Bethel club has been able to get new members is by asking friends and relatives to help with our projects, so perhaps there is someone you can ask to help you sell tickets.

Unfortunately, our guest speaker backed out at the last minute, so President Dan asked us to think about two questions that we could share with the group: 1) How long have you been a Rotarian and why do you stay and 2) Tell us one of your most embarrassing moments. Curtis told us that one time he forgot it was his and Terry's anniversary until he saw it in the Reader under "Anniversaries" which happened to be the morning of our meeting. Lois told us that she became a member while working at the Advent Christian Church where past member, Frank Jewett, was pastor. She asked Frank about it and he sponsored her membership. Lois said she wanted to meet other people and has stayed in Rotary because of the people she knows.

*50-50 – Lois drew Ron's number but Ron didn't find the yellow ball. There was \$257.00 in the pot.*

## 😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

**Lynne** had happy dollars for her granddaughter Zoe's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Zoe wanted a Tea Party theme and everyone had a great time.

**Bob Wilgosz** had some sad dollars because instead of his and Lois's heading back to Florida last week, he ended up in the hospital for three days. He had some happy dollars for the great care and excellent food he received during his stay.

**President Dan** had \$4 happy dollars – one for his wife who has gotten over Covid, one for Paxlovid that helped both of them get over Covid, another for Warren agreeing to help with the tent set and take down this weekend in Stan's absence and lastly, saying it was a privilege to be President of the club.

**Lois** had happy dollars for being married to Bob who is always full of surprises.

## *Pun for the week:*

My anatomy class had to assemble a human skeleton, and as a joke, I hid one of the arm bones. No one found that humerus.

## *October is Economic and Community Development Month:*

Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.

Our members and our **foundation** work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

We provide training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**October Birthdays:** Terry Cole – 10/26

**October Anniversaries:** Curtis and Terry Cole – 39 yrs. – 10/6; Mike & Beth Abbott – 44 yrs. – 10/11.

**October Membership Anniversaries:** Connor Burnam – 2 yrs. – 10/5; Tina Fox – 8 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 32 yrs. – 10/20

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., 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 during the school year only.