

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**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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## 2023-2024 Officers:

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7780 Governor: Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Dan Allen – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Vacant – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Vacant - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 277th day of 2023. There are 88 days remaining in the year. This morning, I believe we have a classification talk scheduled. John is supposed to be greeter, but will be in Pennsylvania, so hopefully someone can fill in for him.

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 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:

**1 through 8 – Fryeburg Fair – Anyone helping out at the Fryeburg Club booth?**

**2 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM**

**4 – Classification Talk and John Griffith**

**11 – Warren Spencer and Tina Fox. Warren’s guest speaker is Dr. Stephanie Long, Breast Cancer specialist and general surgeon from Stephen’s Memorial Hospital.**

**15 – Road Toll by the Tennis Courts, OHCHS.**

**18 – Chris Summers and Tally Decato**

**25 – Val Weston and Curtis Cole**

**30 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida and Barry Roderick from Dr. Phillips Rotary in Orlando, Florida were our visiting Rotarians. Bob Wilgosz was the guest of his wife, Lois Strauss. We did not have Zoom available.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Dan Hart's Moment came from the Rotary magazine. One of the initiatives of Rotary is Mental Health and October 10 is Mental Health Day. One in eight people live with a mental health condition and we all have a part to play – smile, make a phone call, look in on someone, offer to help. And if one of us or someone we know needs help, don't be afraid to ask.

### *Announcements:*

*President Beth* – don't forget there is a board meeting on Monday night at the South Paris Town Office at 5:00 PM.

Also, the Fryeburg club is looking for help at their food booth at the Fryeburg Fair. If you have some free time and would like to help out, please get in touch.

*Bob Schott* – we have a Road Toll for Polio Plus coming on October 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Fair St. by the tennis courts.

There is a Polio Plus Society that club members can join. It turns out that not many of us knew about this. Basically, the club sets a goal for individual donations to Polio Plus and if a member meets that goal, they can become a member of the Society. Patty Rice is a member and she said she would e-mail the form to club members for those interested in participating. It is also on the District website.

*Dave Preble* – there are thank-you notes available for Cornhole sponsors that can be mailed or hand delivered.

### *Last Week:*

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. In the absence of our song leader, Dan A., we did not sing a song. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Program Chair Bob Schott had two guest speakers in mind, but neither of them could make the meeting. Bob filled in himself, talking about our officer and director vacancies and the need to fill them. Currently we need a Vice-president, a Club Service chair, a Community Service chair, and with Dan H. returning to the Bethel Club, a Vocational Service chair. In addition, Dan served as the Scholarship Committee chair and Club Protection Officer. So we have a number of positions to fill. Please think about stepping into one of these positions. Bob also talked about the upcoming Road Toll for Polio Plus and the Polio Plus Society as mentioned above in the announcements.

**50-50:** We started over with a new deck with Connor's winning a couple of weeks ago. Patty drew Liz's number, but Liz drew the 6 of spades. There was \$12 in the pot.

 Happy and Sad Dollars 

**Dan H.** had some sad and happy dollars as he announced his departure from Oxford Hills and transferring back to the Bethel Rotary. He has accepted a new position with the University of Maine at Farmington, working with new teachers, which unfortunately for Oxford Hills, will keep him closer to Bethel than South Paris. He and his wife, Julie, gave the club a \$250 check to help with our scholarships.

**George** – we put on our second Lobsters for Scholars dinner last weekend for one of our grand prize winners, Lynne Schott! We served 16 dinners and everyone had a great time. Between the two events, we raised just shy of \$5,000.00. George thanked everyone for selling tickets.

**Lynne** had happy dollars for winning the Lobsters for Scholars dinner and was happy that Lobster Day finally came.

**Lois** was sad to announce that she and Bob are heading back to Florida on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> so this was their last meeting with us until next year.

**Bob** Wilgosz said that in his solicitation for sponsors for the Cornhole Tournament, he spoke with a couple of people who expressed an interest in joining the club and will pass those names on to President Beth.

**Bob Schott** had a thank you for the Lobster dinner and was sad that Lois and Bob did not go down the river this year.

**Warren** was sad that his and Susan's daughter has gone home after an extended summer visit but was happy she took her dog with her.

**Puns for the Week:**

**Did you hear about the guy who got hit on the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.**

**Tina Fox confiscated a rubber band slingshot in one of her classes because it was a weapon of math disruption.**

**The Rotary Theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy.**

“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt ~

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**October Birthdays:** Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26; Jeff Noblin – 10/30

**October Anniversaries:** Curtis & Terry Cole – 10/6; Michael & Beth Abbott – 10/11

**October Membership Anniversaries:** Glenn Huntley – 39 yrs. – 10/3; Connor Burnam – 1 yr. – 10/5; Chris Summers – 11 yrs. – 10/12; Tina Fox – 7 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 30 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 the Stella’s on the Square, 6 North High 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 during the school year only.