

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



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

Wednesday, January 10, 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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## 2023-2024 Officers:

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7789  
Governor: Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Dan Allen – Vice-president: Jeff Noblin - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Vacant – Vocational Service Chair: Jeff Noblin - Community Service Chair: Vacant - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

## Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of 2024. There are 356 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the January Students of the Month and their guests with us. Dave Preble is 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.

## January:

17 – Vocational Service Speaker and Jeff Noblin

21 – Mid-year luncheon, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport.

24 – Vocational Service Speaker and Ron Morse

31 – Vocational Service Speaker and David Knox

## February:

5- Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

7 – Club Assembly and Liz Knox

14 – Students of the Month and John Griffith

21 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

28 – Tally Decato and Tally Decato

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter, Foundation Chair and PP George Rice updated us on the Foundation. For the Rotary areas of focus, the most recent statistics available are for the 2021-2022 are: \$104M went to education; \$148M went to community development; \$70M went to disaster relief; \$90M went to maternal and child health; \$67M went to peace; \$187M went to providing clean water and \$33M went to the environment. Remember that contributions from clubs and individuals make up the lion's share of donations to the Foundation. For the 2021-2022 year, our club donated \$11,140.00. In 2022-2023, we donated \$13,280.00, and so far this year, we have sent in \$5,265.00. It all adds up!

### **Announcements:**

**PP George** announced that Tina Fox and Stan Brett have met the \$100 EREY goal for 2023-2024. And in doing so, George noted that today was Stan's birthday so we followed up with singing "Happy Birthday"

**Curtis Cole** told us of the passing of PP Roy Earle at his winter home in Alameda, California, just a day or two before the New Year. Roy's goal was to reach age 100 and he almost made it. Our sympathy to Linda and the rest of Roy's family.

**President Beth** told us that after looking into having another Chili-Chowder Fest, it would not be practical due to increased costs and limited supplies. The folks at the Casino told us that based on what we made last year, we would be lucky to clear \$300.00 this year.

To give us a winter project and replace the Chili-Chowder Fest, after discussing some ideas, the board voted to sell calendars with daily prizes for the month of March. To wit: we need to get donations for each day of the month, and each day we will draw a name from the calendars sold and the name drawn for that day wins the prize on the calendar. If we sell 200 calendars at \$10 each, that will give us \$2,000.00, assuming all of the prizes are donated.

**Liz Knox** updated us on the cheese wheels. From the figures she has been able to put together, it appears that we are 52 cheese wheels short, so if you still have money or need to collect money, please get it to Liz asap.

### **Last Week:**

**President Beth** led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis gave the blessing. Dan Allen led us in singing "God Bless our Rotary."

After the announcements, Connor Burnam introduced his guest speaker, Jeff Cox. Jeff retired after 38 years with Hannaford and is currently employed by Ripley & Fletcher Ford. He has also started his own consulting business, JC Leadership Development. Jeff was born and raised in Norway. In 1982, in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he joined a peer helper group which developed into a life long passion for service and helping others achieve their goals. He talked about the different services his company offers to individuals and groups.

**50-50:** Connor drew his own number but his luck ended there. There was \$30 in the pot.

 **Happy and Sad Dollars** 

**Warren** had a happy \$10 for his 46 years in Rotary. He also had knee surgery on December 14 and is very pleased with the progress he has made since then.

**Lynne** was happy to have spent Christmas with her grandchildren, and especially to face time with her grandson in France.

**Bob** was happy and sad to hear about the passing of Roy Earle. He reminisced about taking Roy rafting at the age of 80 and 10 years later, at the age of 90.

**Pun for the Week:**

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well dressed man on a bicycle?

Why, attire of course!

**January is Vocational Service Month**

“It wasn’t the reward that mattered or the recognition you might harvest. It was your depth of commitment, your quality of service, the product of your devotion – these were the things that counted in a life. When you gave purely, the honor came in the giving, and that was honor enough.”

~Scott O’Grady~

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**January Birthdays:** Stan Brett – 1/3; Dan Allen – 1/22

**January Anniversaries:** Dave & Liz Knox – 1/22

**January Membership Anniversaries:** Dave Preble – 41 yrs – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 42 yrs. – 1/1;  
Stan Brett – 30 yrs. – 1/4

## **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.