

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, November 1, 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."

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: Vacant - Community Service Chair: Vacant - 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 305th day of 2023. There are 60 days remaining in the year. Warren Spencer is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Russ Gentile from Columbia Funds who will be talking about investments. Connor Burnam is our greeter.

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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

November:

1 – Warren Spencer and Connor Burnam. Warren's guest speaker is Russ Gentile from Columbia Funds who will be talking about investments.

8 – Students of the Month and Michael Carter. Due to wreath making at the church, we will be meeting at the South Paris Legion Hall on Church Street. We will be having donuts, coffee and breakfast pizza.

15 – District Governor Visit and Dan Allen

22 – Michael Carter and Val Weston. Mike's guest speakers are Connie Allen, Carol West and Janis Hutchins from Christmas for Kids and Christmas for Teens.

29 – Dan Allen and Chris Summers.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole talked about some of the “Letters to the Editor” in the last Rotary magazine. One was about the quality of writing, another about climate change, another about mental health and depression and one more about PTSD which Curtis thought would be a good cause for Rotary to get involved with.

Announcements:

President Beth – We received a thank-you letter from the Harrison Food Bank for our donation. With the donations and a grant they received, they have ordered a new truck which should be delivered in the coming months. They are still looking for a van for local deliveries.

John Griffith – working on Dictionary Project, will have a sign-up sheet this coming week. Some schools are scheduled beginning Monday, November 6th. The dictionaries have arrived but due to scheduling conflicts, we won’t have a “label” assembly line at a meeting this year as we have the last few years.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test as usual. Dan A. led us in song and Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Program chair Val Weston introduced Bethel Rotarian, Lucy Abbott, a member of the Rotary Indigenous Peoples of North America and Eastern Canada focus group. She began her talk telling us the Bethel club is very happy to have Dan Hart back as a member. Lucy told us the Indigenous People’s Focus group began in 2020 and has been growing in membership ever since. There are 574 Federally recognized tribes in the United States and most people know nothing about them. The focus group in Maine began with a project for the Wabenaki. Importantly, it took time to establish relationships and was not a 1-year project. As that project progressed, the group began to establish relationships with indigenous people in other communities, including those in Oxford county. Unfortunately, we could not see a lot of Lucy’s presentation due to issues with Zoom. If you need more info, speak to Val and she will give you Lucy’s contact information.

50-50: Warren drew Bob’s number but Bob did not draw the King of Clubs. There was \$28 in the pot.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dave had bragging dollars for his grandsons who ran in a 12 team cross country meet in Massachusetts last earlier in the week. His oldest grandson finished in 2nd place and his younger grandson finished in 19th place. He was also happy that he got the answer to Wordle in one guess yesterday.

Bob told us that Lynne was making progress but didn't know when she will be released from rehab.

Curtis was happy that he and Terry are going on vacation for 10 days. Retirement is a lot of work and they need a break.

This week: An Answer and Pun:

Did anyone guess the answer to last week's riddle?

The first two letters represent a man, (HE) the first three letters represent a woman, (HER) the first four letters represent a great man, (HERO) and the word, as a whole, represents a great woman, (HEROINE).

It's a 5 minute walk from my house to the pub, but it's a 35 minute walk from the pub back to my house.
The difference is staggering!

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

November Birthdays: Bob Schott – 11/1; Mike Carter – 11/6; Warren Spencer – 11/14; Liz Knox – 11/16; Connor Burnam – 11/26

November Anniversaries: Glenn & Sharon Huntley – 11/26

November Membership Anniversaries: Mike Morin – 3 yrs. – 11/30

Make-Ups:

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

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

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 during the school year only.