



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, November 13, 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.”

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

Welcome! Today is the 318th day of 2024. There are 48 days remaining in the year. This morning, Curtis is going to do a presentation on SAD17. Mike Carter is scheduled to be 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

Calendar for November:

20 – District Governor and Connor Burnam

27 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott

Calendar for December:

4 – Saving the date for the OHCHS Chorale. If they are not available, we could do our Yankee Swap as we don't know what the weather will be on the 18th. Greeter – Val Weston.

11 – December Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

18 – Yankee Swap if we did not have it on the 4th. Greeter – Lynne Schott

25 – Christmas Day

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

I wasn't in attendance and don't have any notes to go by, so don't know if there were any visiting Rotarians or guests.

Announcements:

Dictionary Project – the Dictionaries have been given out to all of the schools except Oxford. Curtis and I went to the school at 11:00 AM last Friday, but the teachers all thought we were coming the week prior, on November 1. We have rescheduled for this coming Friday, the 15th at 1:00 PM. From what everyone who participated told me, the kids and teachers were really excited to get their dictionaries. Thanks to Curtis, Val, Dave P. and especially Beth for doing all the prep work for me. Really appreciate it.

Cabot cheese – the cheese has been delivered and is available for sale. Liz sent an e-mail with an order sheet attached. Please copy and use for your sales. If you can't copy it, I'm sure someone can print a few and bring to a meeting.

Don't forget that our next two meetings will be at the South Paris Fire Station as the church will be used for wreath making.

Last Week:

President Dan – Led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. Our program was the November Students of the Month. Their write-ups are on the last pages of the Reader.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

I don't have notes so don't have Happy or Sad dollars to report. If anyone had any and they would like them in the next Reader, please let me know.

Puns for the week:

My father worked 12 hours a day to put food on the table. Great man, but he was a slow cook.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

The 2023-2024 Grant Summary:

485 District Grants - \$30M
106 Disaster Response Grants - \$4M
1,287 Global Grants - \$72M
1 Programs of Scale - \$1M

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: None listed

November Membership Anniversaries: Ron Morse – 14 yrs. (with OH) – 11/10;
George Rice – 41 yrs. – 11/11;

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel
www.bethelrotary.org

Bridgton-Lake Region – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., 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.

In case anyone needs a reminder:

15 Days to Thanksgiving!

42 Days to Christmas!

November Student of the Month 2024

Empathetic, Compassionate and Kind: students who exhibit excellent character traits such as kindness, honesty, loyalty, respect, and responsibility.

9th grade : Nikki Brackett

Nominating Staff: Dianne Slicer

Nikki comes to science class each and every class ready to learn. She adds to class discussions, and even helps her classmates sitting with her when they are unclear of what to do. During an introductory activity on graphing today, I could hear Nikki trying to help the other two girls at her table. She was not just telling them what to do, but rather I could hear her explaining what to do. It was nice to see as I knew the other two girls may struggle. Nikki has her hand up for every question, and not in an overbearing sort of way. She helps to keep the class discussion going and I appreciate it.

10th grade: Maddy Berry

Nominating Staff: Fred Steeves

Maddy Always cares about everyone in the group. She is a positive person. Maddy participated in the Saco River Clean up 2 different Saturdays. She was very helpful and made sure the " Older" people she was within the group did not need to get out of the boat to gather trash. She really shows her respect and responsibility for our program and the need to be a leader too.

11th grade: Hayley Smith

Nominating Staff: Laura Shible

Hayley is taking Spanish 1 in a class full of underclassmen full of energy and our class is the end of the day making it more challenging. She always stays focused and is very kind to her peers. She shows her peers how to be a great student. Other students like her and respect her because she brings such a warm and inviting energy into the class. Her kindness shines through each day.

12th grade: Adelaide Harthorne

Nominating Staff: Anne Townsend

Addie could not be a stronger candidate for this month's qualities of empathy, compassion and kindness. She cares strongly for her community as she has been a part of the student council for years and is currently the class president. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has completed around 115 hours of community service. Addie is Viking Mentor and approachable to her freshmen as a kind upperclassman. Addie is in my Advisory and although she does not have any close friends there, she is a friend to all and genuinely cares for others. I have known Addie for 3 years now. She always takes the time to ask how I am doing, and she genuinely means it. Not many of her peers extend themselves in this way and make teachers feel like they really care about their answer.