



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, November 15, 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: 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 319th day of 2023. There are 46 days remaining in the year. This morning, we welcome District Governor Marion Cheney. Our greeter is Dan Allen.

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.

### **November:**

**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.**

**25 – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade**

**29 – Dan Allen and Chris Summers.**

### **December:**

**6 – Yankee Swap and Warren Spencer**

**13 – November and December Students of the Month** and **Bob Schott**

**20 – OHCHS Christmas Chorale** and **Lynne Schott**

**27 – Connor Burnam and Patty Rice**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Mike Carter talked about and reviewed the Rotary Code of Conduct, something we need to keep in mind as well as the 4-Way Test.

- Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
- Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
- Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupation with respect
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

### *Announcements:*

*President Beth* – Thanks to the Legion for letting us use their hall at no charge. Beth said that the Legion was interested in working with children so if we have any projects for children, to please let them know.

The storage trailer we have used for years that was on George and Patty Rice's property has been cleaned out and removed. I went by today and it looks strange not to see it there. Dan Allen is storing the bean pots until we can sell them. The rest of our stuff is somewhere else.

There is some interest our reviving the Lobster Fest and perhaps some kind of an auction. Speaking of cheese (notice the continuity there), the Interact Club will need some help selling cheese at the DECA craft fair on November 18. If you can help, please speak to Tina Fox.

We have ordered pillows for Christmas for Teens and the Turkey Trot folks are looking for volunteers to help at the "Trot" on Thanksgiving morning. If you are interested in helping, contact Wendy Ruby at the Cancer Resource Center - 207-890-0329 or [www.crcofwm.org](http://www.crcofwm.org)

Beth announced that Jeff Noblin has accepted the office of Vice-president and will also serve as Vocational Service chair. Thank-you, Jeff, for stepping up and congratulations! You are sure to find these rewarding positions in our club.

*John Griffith* – The Dictionary Project is progressing. Right now, I need two volunteers for Harrison Elementary at 2:30 PM on either Wednesday, November 15 or Friday afternoon, November 17. If you can help one of those days, please let me know. Paris is still up in the air.

### **Last Week:**

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test, Dan led us in song and Mike Carter gave the blessing. Beth presented perfect attendance awards to Dan Allen for 32 years and Tally Decato for 7 years.

Our new Vice-president and Vocational Service Chair, Jeff Noblin, gave his postponed and updated classification talk. Jeff began by saying he has thoroughly enjoyed being a member of OH Rotary. He was born in Tallahassee, Florida, the youngest of four siblings. Many members of his immediate family still live there. He is married to his wife, Dean, and has 2 daughters, Victoria who is 15 and Daphne, 13. He enjoys business and business administration and spurred by an internship while in college in Greenville, South Carolina, he earned a Masters in Health Care Administration. His career has led him down many different paths in healthcare from working for non-profits to for profits running a surgery. I didn't write down all of the different states he and Dean have lived in, but he joined Rotary in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 2001 and has been active in Rotary ever since. He said his father is a long time Rotarian and certainly that had an influence on him wanting to serve the communities in which he lived. One of the things he has learned along the way in his business career is the importance of culture in all aspects of life – work, Rotary, church and community, always looking for the positive. It is so important to create and sustain a positive culture.

**50-50: Tally drew Dan's number but he drew the 3 of Clubs, not the King. I believe Stan said there was \$30 in the pot.**

### **Happy and Sad Dollars**

**Liz** was happy that the elections are over!

**Connor** was happy to see some snow on the ground earlier in the week (even if it didn't stick around long).

**Dave P.** seconded Connor and said he had a great time handing out the dictionaries at Agnes Gray in West Paris – where he attended 6<sup>th</sup> grade due to Paris being overcrowded at the time. It was cool to see the school again and it remains pretty much the way he remembered it.

**Warren** said he was happy to get home from Farmington with the cheese, saying that George talked the whole time.

### **Pun & a Riddle for the Week:**

“I'm taking steps to overcome my hiking addiction, but I'm not out of the woods yet.”

I always finish but never start a conversation. If you shout for me, I will reply in kind. I am your voice but I have a voice of my own. I fill a room but you can't see me. What am I?

## **November is Foundation Month:**

The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a **Board of Trustees**. The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its **Board of Directors**.

The headquarters of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are in Evanston, Illinois, USA. We have associate foundations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, and the United Kingdom.

## **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](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.