



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 325th day of 2024. There are 41 days remaining in the year. This morning, District Governor Bob McKenzie from the Kennebunk Rotary Club will be making his official visit. Connor Burnam 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. 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:

27 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott

Calendar for December:

4 – Yankee Swap and Val Weston.

11 – December Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

18 – OHCHS Chorale Christmas Concert and Lynne Schott

25 – Christmas Day

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Mike Carter called our attention to an article in the Rotary magazine about media literacy, social media platforms, the effect of AI and determining what is the truth.

Announcements:

Dictionary Project – the Dictionary Project is complete for another year. John and Curtis went to Oxford Elementary last Friday afternoon and gave dictionaries to three class rooms. All of the third-grade teachers at the school are new this year and did not know anything about the Dictionary project. They were all very pleased for their students to get their books.

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. Liz said she would make some copies and bring them this week for those who don't use e-mail or print. Liz and Dave are guarding the cheese, so let Liz know what you need and she will arrange for you to pick up at the South Paris town office or wherever you agree to meet. We have 400 bricks on hand and another 400 are being delivered on November 21. So far, so good. There doesn't seem to be any resistance to the change from wheels to bricks or to the change in price.

John –tannounced that he was in contact with Dennis Boyd, OHCHS Chorale director, and that Dennis told him that December 18 would be the best day for the chorale to come as they have three concerts set for the first week of December. Hopefully, December 18 won't be a snow day! By vote of the club, we will have a Yankee Swap on December 4th. Please bring a gift to exchange.

And don't forget that our meeting this week will be at the South Paris Fire Station, not at the church.

Last Week:

President Dan – Led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. Pastor Mike Carter gave the blessing. After the announcements, program chair Curtis Cole talked about the elementary school consolidation being considered by the school board. Curtis handed out two explanatory papers and said that as part of the process, school board members are reaching out to the community and community groups to inform them about the consolidation and receive feedback. A discussion and question and answer session followed his presentation.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

We did not have time for Happy and Sad dollars.

Puns for the week:

Did you know that I invented the game of Silent Tennis? It's just like regular tennis but without the racquet.

And #2:

When I saw that nun trip and fall, I ran to a Sister.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

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:

8 Days to Thanksgiving!

35 Days to Christmas!