The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



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

Wednesday, November 22, 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: 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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<u>Good Morning and Welcome!</u> Today is the 326th day of 2023. There are 39 days remaining in the year. Michael Carter is program chair this morning. His guest speakers are Connie Allen, Carol West and Janis Hutchins from Christmas for Kids and Christmas for Teens. Val Weston 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:

- 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:

DG Marion Cheney, her husband, Harry Cheney and AG Michele Cole were our visiting Rotarians. There were no other guests.

Announcements:

<u>PP George</u> announced that the club has 2 more sustaining \$100 per year members, Patty and Lynne. Congratulations!

<u>John Griffith</u> – The last two schools are scheduled for their dictionaries – Paris Elementary is scheduled for Monday, November 27 at 2:30 PM and Harrison Elementary is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29 at 9:15 AM. If anyone is available to help on either of those two dates, please let John know.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis gave the blessing.

After breakfast, President Beth introduced District Governor Marion Cheney. Marion started off by congratulating our club for being 2nd in the district on a per capita percentage of giving to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. She then gave a short bio of herself in Rotary, having first attended a Rotary club in Virginia as a speaker. She was asked to join but was then denied as she was a woman, this being 35-40 years ago when Rotary began the change from an all male club to an all inclusive service organization. A few years later, Marion became a member of a club in Florida. She and Harry later moved to the Seacoast area of New Hampshire where she joined the Dover club.

Marion is a fan of the Mental Health Initiative of Rotary that deals with issues such as suicide, depression and PTSD. She talked about several personal testimonials that she has over the years. Another interest is the Peace Initiative that is now addressing Ukraine and other hot spots around the world. A Peace concert is being set up at Noble High School in North Berwick in February.

<u>50-50:</u> AG Michele drew PP George's number but George drew the 2 of Clubs. The pot rolls on!

Happy and Sad Dollars

<u>George</u> had \$40 happy dollars for his 40 years in Rotary in Oxford Hills and another \$40 as Oxford Hills Rotary was chartered 40 years ago.

Lynne was happy to be home from extended care!

<u>Patty</u> had happy dollars for having the storage trailer removed from their property.

Chris gave a happy dollar that Stan will be back next week as Warren fines and Stan doesn't.

There were many fines apparently – Patty as she saved some \$ for giving her son the storage trailer and HE hauled it off, everyone who wasn't wearing their badge and lastly, Chris just for principal!

Pun & a Riddle for the Week:

Without geometry, life would be pointless.

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

"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?"

Echo

November is Foundation Month:

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

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.