**The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader**

** The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills**

 **PO Box 14**

 **Norway, ME 04268**

 **Wednesday, November 6, 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.”

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**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**

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***Welcome!*** Today is the 311th day of 2024. There are 55 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the November Students of the Month and their guests with us. Curtis Cole 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:***

**13 – Club Assembly** and **Mike Carter**

**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***:

Past member Dan Hart from the Bethel Club was our visiting Rotarian. We did not have any other guests.

***Announcements:***

***Lottery Raffle –*** it looks like we will clear $2,000.00 or a little more from the raffle. The winners were:

Doug Wing - $100 – sold by Curtis

Skip Mowatt - $250 – sold by Tina

Mitch Green - $350 – also sold by Tina

Before the drawing, President Dan said he would pay for breakfast this week for the members who sold the winning tickets. Congratulations Curtis and Tina!

***Dictionary Project –*** the books have been divided by classroom and the visits are scheduled. **I do need** **someone to cover the Christian school on Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 PM**. While we have 1 or 2 members scheduled for the other schools, it would be helpful if they could have some additional help. The sign-up sheet will be available again this week.

***Cabot cheese*** is being delivered on November 5th or 6th. Three-pound blocks of cheese for $25.00. I assume we are set to sell as soon as it arrives.

***Lastly, as has been announced previously,*** we will be meeting at the South Paris Fire Station next week and the following week, November 13th and 20th as the church will be used for wreath making.

***Last Week:***

***President Dan*** – Led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the invocation. After breakfast, President Dan asked Dan Hart to talk about the Bethel club and how they have been able to increase their membership so much in the last year or so. Dan told us that they have nearly doubled their membership and are currently at 50 members. He said it was a combination of three things: (1) Club effort – everybody knows somebody. (2) the Bethel area has had an influx of new residents and businesses, kind of a perfect storm of new things happening. They have welcomed a lot of out of state and seasonal residents, summer and winter, who participate when they are here. (3) They have had success recruiting through their Chamber of Commerce. Member Robin Zinchuk does their Facebook and other media postings as well as keeping the Chamber informed as to what the club is doing. On a question from Bob Schott, he talked about their week-long yard sale and how it has been successful. However, Dan said that it takes about 10 people per day to keep it going. President Dan said he would write an introductory letter on Rotary for the Chamber to put out to the members.

***50-50 – Dan Hart drew Dave Preble’s number, but Dave didn’t draw the yellow ball. There was $295 in the pot.***

 ***☺Happy and Sad Dollars***☺

***President Dan*** had happy to be back dollars and he thanked Treasurer Liz for keeping track of the Raffle tickets and money.

***John*** was happy for his grandson William’s 10th birthday party last weekend. It was Halloween themed with the guests in costume. He and his dad had all of their animatronic Halloween figures, among other decorations, around their house for guests to walk by and be scared!

***Stan*** went on his last ATV ride recently with about a dozen other ATV club members. Their oldest member, who I believe Stan said was in his late 80’s, rode sans windshield.

***Puns for the week:***

**Dave Preble just bought some discounted sky-diving lessons. He heard they were having a Big Fall sale.**

 And if that’s not good enough, here’s another:

**I recently rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Not a great idea in Heinz sight.**

***November is Rotary Foundation Month***

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:*** 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

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

[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, 2nd 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.

22 Days to Thanksgiving!

49 Days to Christmas!