The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



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

Wednesday, November 8, 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: Vacant - Community Service Chair: Vacant - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 312th day of 2023. There are 53 days remaining in the year. Due to Tina testing positive for Covid, the November Students of the Month will join us in December with the December Students. I have not had confirmation from Jeff, but I believe he will be doing his classification talk. Mike Carter 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 <u>griffs2@roadrunner.com</u>. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

November:

<u>15 – District Governor Visit and Dan Allen</u>
<u>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.</u>
<u>25 – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade</u>
<u>29 – Dan Allen and Chris Summers.</u>

<u>December:</u>

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. Patrick Lawler and Russ Gentile were the guests of Warren Spencer.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Connor Burnam talked about an article in Rotary magazine concerning an environmental surveillance system.

Announcements:

<u>President Beth</u> – Don't forget that next week (now this week) we are meeting at the South Paris Legion Hall on Church St. due to wreath making at the church. We will be having breakfast pizza, coffee and donuts. The charge to us will be the same as meeting at the church.

District Governor Marion Cheney will be with us on November 15

We received a check for \$3,500.00 from the Oxford County Fair for helping with parking and admissions.

George Rice is going to get the cheese wheels on Tuesday, November 7. They will be kept in Dan Allen's barn on East Main St. Dan said that the doors will be open so we can go in and pick up the wheels we have sold. Thanks to Bruce Powell from Bethel, we need to set aside 67 that have been sold to and by the Bethel and Rumford clubs.

We will be selling cheese wheels at the Decca Craft Fair on November 18. The Interact Club sold 120 last year; they are hoping to sell 200 this year.

<u>John Griffith</u> – The sign-up sheet for the Dictionary Project will be going around again this week. All the schools have been scheduled. John sent out an e-mail to all club members Sunday afternoon so folks could be thinking ahead.

Two schools are scheduled for this Wednesday after our meeting – Hebron at 9:15 AM and Rowe at 11:00 AM. We need 1 person to do Hebron and at least two more to help Tally at Rowe as there are three classes.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test as usual. Dan A. led us in singing "Row, row, row, your boat...." as a round and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Program chair Warren Spencer introduced Russ Gentile from Columbia Funds. He is Regional Advisor and has been with the company for 27 years. He works with all the financial advisors in Maine, New Hampshire and I believe, Massachusetts, visiting their offices and advising them on the markets and economy. He talked about several things, but concentrated primarily on where we are now compared to pre-Covid as the effects of the Covid shut down is driving a lot of the things that are happening now, particularly with product shortages and inflation. The good news is that the "market" is up for the year, driven by technology and good high-quality companies, companies that pay good core dividends. On the down side, we are still

dealing with inflation, although it has slowed and some prices have started to come down; geo-political events that we have little to no control over and strong corporations dealing with uncertainties.

<u>50-50:</u> Connor drew Dave Knox's number but Dave drew the 3 of diamonds.

🙆 Happy and Sad Dollars 😂

Dave Knox was happy for his and Liz's son's birthday.

<u>*Patty*</u> had sad dollars for last week's events in Lewiston. It's a very eerie feeling having an event like this so close to home.

Warren was happy to sell some cheese to his guest, Patrick Lawler.

John and Shelley had a great time trick or treating with their grandkids in Auburn on Halloween night.

Pun for the Week:

The sweater I purchased recently had a lot of static electricity, so I decided to return it. I got another one free of charge.

November is Foundation Month:

Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen and more.

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.