



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, December 11, 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 346th day of 2024. There are 20 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the December Students of the Month and their guests with us. Warren Spencer 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](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.

### Calendar for December:

**18 – OHCHS Chorale Christmas Concert and Lynne Schott**

**18 – Charitable Foundation quarterly meeting after our regular morning meeting.**

**25 – Christmas Day – no meeting**

**30 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office – 5:00 PM.**

### Calendar for January:

**1 – New Year’s Day – no meeting**

**8 – Club Assembly and Bob Schott**

**15 – January Students of the Month and Patty Rice**

**22 – Lynne Schott and George Rice**

**29 – Bob Schott and Dave Preble**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Val Weston gave us an update on Friends of Kenya Rising, an organization and its predecessor that we have supported for many years.

### *Last Week:*

*President Dan* – led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing. After breakfast and before we did our Yankee Gift Swap, Dan talked about membership as we need new members, asking these questions: What do we want? What can we do about it and What can I do about it? Can we, as members, come up with a personal strategy? This led to a discussion about these four topics: 1) we are a group of old people. 2) Every member bring a friend and perhaps offer a prize to the member if their friend joins the club (I think I got that right). 3) It was mentioned that there was an article in our ROTARY magazine that one club held a social event for former members, that a dozen or so came and six decided to rejoin. 4) It was discussed that young people are busy, that they are working, don't necessarily have support from their employers to take time off or be late in the morning, so that we should consider an evening meeting.

After this discussion, we chose our gifts from the table. Most of us kept what we chose, but a few decided to "swap" their gift with someone else. I believe Lynne ended up with the toilet seat, but I'm sure Bob will find a use for it. It was a fun time.

### *How about a Christmas Pun or two:*

**"I only eat candy canes in mint condition."**

**"Don't make a snowman mad. He'll have a melt down."**

50/50 – Lynne drew John's number but John didn't draw the yellow ball. There was \$344.00 in the pot.

## *December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month*

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.

### *Happy and Sad Dollars*

*Tina* was happy for her oldest granddaughter's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday!

*Jeff* was happy that the FSU Seminoles season is over as they had a record of 2-9.

*Dave P.* had happy dollars for his 1<sup>st</sup> ski day and is looking forward to another ski day with his brother.

*Bob and Lynne* spent the weekend in Stratton with their family and grandchildren.

*Curtis* is just happy!

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries: (kinda sparse this month)*

*December Birthdays:* Curtis Cole – 12/6

*December Anniversaries:* Ron & Laura Morse – 12/20 – 66 yrs.!

*December Membership Anniversaries:* None Listed

## **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., 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.

# 14 Days to Christmas!