

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, December 13, 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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 347th day of 2023. There are 18 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the November and December Students of the Month and their guests with us. Bob Schott is 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.

December:

20 – OHCHS Christmas Chorale and **Lynne Schott**
27 – Connor Burnam and **Patty Rice**

January:

2 – Board Meeting at South Paris town office, 5:00 PM
3 – Club Assembly and **George Rice**
10 – Students of the Month and **Dave Preble**
17 – Vocational Service Speaker and **Jeff Noblin**
24 – Vocational Service Speaker and **Ron Morse**
31 – Vocational Service Speaker and **David Knox**

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Warren Spencer gave us a history lesson on the origin of fines at club meetings.

Announcements:

President Beth – Thank you cards for Bill and James at the Casino were sent around for us to sign to thank them for their support of our fund raisers. Without the Casino donations, we would not be making anywhere near as much money as we would without them.

We purchased 50 more pillows for Christmas for Teens as they ran through our initial donation of 100 very quickly. In addition, Christmas for Kids received 46 more requests for help last week.

We are looking to have another Chili and Chowder Fest in February. Beth is checking sources and will get back to us on that.

Alice Paul, Beth, Beth's mom and Tina helped make cookies for the Christmas concert last Friday night, along with 22 Interactors who showed up to help. Although Alice is no longer a member of the club, Beth remembered how much she enjoyed helping last year so invited her to help this year.

Jeff Noblin – taking over Vocational Service from Dan Hart, Jeff talked about his plans for January's Vocational Service month which will be similar to what we did last year. He passed out a proposed speaker sheet for us to suggest potential speakers for the weeks of January 17, 24 and 31.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis gave the blessing. Song master Dan wasn't with us but we somehow managed to sing Happy Birthday to Curtis and actually sounded pretty good.

After breakfast, John led the Yankee Swap. Some very good and interesting gifts were exchanged. We had a lot of fun and some things changed hands several times.

50-50: Patty Rice drew Dave Preble's number. However, Dave drew the King of Spades, so did not win the \$9 in the pot.

 **Happy and Sad Dollars** 

Stan was happy with his gift from the Yankee Swap!

Bob went skiing last Monday and asked Connor and Dave if they had been skiing as well. Seems they are tied at 1 time each – at least I think that's what my notes say.

Curtis had happy dollars for the Christmas concert last Friday

Pun for the Week:

I love my recliner. We go way back.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month:

The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in the line of human endeavor.

~ Dr. Charles Mayo ~
1865 - 1939

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

December Birthdays: Curtis Cole – 12/6

December Anniversaries: Ron & Laura Morse – 65 yrs. – 12/20

December Membership Anniversaries: Phyllis Summers – 3 yrs. – 12/30

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.