



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 22nd day of 2025. There are 333 days remaining in the year. Our guest speaker this morning is Jeff Larason, Program Director, Maine Highway Safety Communications. George Rice 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 January:

29 - For Vocational Service Month, PE Jeff has arranged for Chelsea Lathrop, Education and Outreach Coordinator with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Information & Education Division) to come and speak to us. Dave Preble is our greeter.

Calendar for February:

3 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM.

5 – Club Assembly and Jeff Noblin

12 – Students of the Month and Ron Morse

19 – Warren Spencer and Liz Knox

26 – Val Weston and Dave Knox

This is going to be a brief Reader as I was not in attendance last week and I did not receive any notes.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Rotary Moment:

Announcements:

Making an assumption that we still have some cheese left to sell. I know some of us took some two weeks ago that we had been sold, and maybe last week? Wondering if we are down to 100 remaining?

Last Week:

President Dan – assuming Dan led the pledge and 4-Way Test. Not having any info on what was discussed last week, the write-ups for the January Students of the Month follow

Puns for the Week:

“I tried to join a nudist colony but they were clothed for the winter.”

And

“Ever since it started to snow, my grandma just stares through the window all day. If it keeps snowing, I’ll have to let her inside.”

50/50 – ??

January is Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service remains at the heart of Rotary. In 1987-88, RI President Charles C. Keller reinvigorated the Avenue by appointing the first Vocational Service Committee in 50 years. The committee redefined how clubs could more effectively participate in Vocational Service and drafted the new Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions.

Today, with over 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs in nearly 200 countries, Rotary provides humanitarian service, promotes high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build international understanding, goodwill and peace.

😊 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 😊

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

January Birthdays: Stan Brett – 1/3; Dan Allen – 1/22

January Anniversaries: David & Liz Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries: Dave Preble – 43 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer 42 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 31 yrs. – 1/4

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel
www.bethelrotary.org

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

January Students of the Month 2025

Responsible and Resilient: students who show a passion for a particular long-term goal along with a powerful motivation to achieve that goal

9th Grade: Mckenzie Wallace

Nominating Staff: Christen Marshall

McKenzie is committed to being a positive and active member of the school community. She consistently excels in her academics, earning a place on the honor roll, and dedicates her time to community service, contributing over ten hours to Pink Feather. In addition to her academic and volunteer efforts, McKenzie participates in both fall and winter sports. During Spirit Week, she embraced the daily themes, dressing up and even bringing props to help her peers join in the fun. It will be exciting to see how McKenzie continues to pursue her goals and tackle new challenges she sets for herself.

10th Grade: Delia Cloutier

Nominating Staff: Carol Jordan

Delia is always on time for class, focused and gets her work completed in a timely manner. She is a great friend to her peers. Delia has been one of the few students in Advisory and HSC that is always showing up on time and is focused. I am happy to work with students like Delia, she is kind, understanding to peers and willing to work at her goals. Her focus and dedication make her a valuable member of the classroom community.

11th Grade: Owen McKenzie

Nominating Staff: Mr. Cassidy

Owen demonstrates a passion to learn all he can to be a better plumber. He works hard every class. He is kind and helpful for anyone in need. Owen showed me his compassion and patience for another student who was struggling. He helped this other student understand and then complete a portion of a project that the student was finding difficult. Owen is an exemplary student; he is kind and helpful. He is a standout student who demonstrates a clear passion for her long-term goals and a strong drive to achieve them.

12th Grade: Shane Farrar

Nominating Staff: Laura Shible

Shane is very kind and hardworking kid who has been dealing with a lot of medical challenges. Despite these obstacles, he never uses them as an excuse. Shane consistently rises above his circumstances, showing up at school each day and putting forth his best effort. His resilience and determination make him a truly remarkable student.

Shane also actively participates in community service through the Interact Club, where he enjoys giving back and making a positive impact. His involvement reflects his strong character and willingness to contribute to others, despite the challenges he faces.