

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, January 24, 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."

2023-2024 Officers:

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7789
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 24th day of 2024. There are 342 days remaining in the year. This morning, past member, Dan Hart, is our Vocational Month speaker. Ron Morse is scheduled to be 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.

January:

31 – Vocational Service Speaker and David Knox

February:

5- Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

7 – January Students of the Month and Liz Knox

14 – February Students of the Month and John Griffith

21 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

28 – Tally Decato and Tally Decato

Rotary Moment:

There was some confusion over who was scheduled to be greeter, so John took over. He did not have a Rotary Moment, but since he did not have a Reader for the week, he asked if those in attendance would like to hear the Pun he had planned for the week. Everyone was in agreement so here it is: **“I tried to take a picture of myself in the shower but it came out blurry. I guess I have selfie steam issues.”**

Announcements:

PE Dan Allen challenged everyone to get one donation in the coming week for the fund-raising calendar that we want to sell in February for the month of March. We will be drawing a name from those who purchased calendars for each day in March, so need 31 prizes. We have an anonymous donation of \$100 to be split any way Beth or Tina decide. Gift cards to restaurants, etc., are always good as well.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test and Curtis gave the blessing. Dan Allen led us in singing “Jingle Bells” in honor of the snow we received.

Unfortunately, due to the snow, our Vocational Service month speaker, Chris Miller, was unable to attend. He apologized and will be speaking another time.

We spent our time talking about our own vocations. Dave P. said he had been a “drug” dealer for 42 years. PP George Rice told us he had 55 years as a contractor, starting immediately after graduating from CMVTI back in 1966. Lynne said she was a cashier at an A&P store and was glad not to have spent her life doing that – as we all know, she retired from SAD 17 after many years of teaching. Warren was grateful for 48 years in the financial sector. Bob is still electricating after 50 years and he has been a ski instructor for 33 years.

50-50: Patty drew Lynne’s number but Lynne drew the Jack of Spades. Sorry Lynne!

Happy and Sad Dollars

Lynne was happy to have a visit with her son, daughter-in-law, grandson and mother last weekend. She also said the Will fixed her computer so she is back in business.

Dan A. had a happy \$5 for being happy.

Patty had a happy \$20 – Austin Associates moved to their new offices on Cottage St. and they are all getting settled. She and George are looking forward to closing on the sale of their home on Cottage St. now that they have moved into their new home on Alpine St.

Curtis said that Sunday River's main chair lift broke down and they have been 16 days without it, waiting for parts. However, after checking into it, they found that they could run it at 1/3 capacity.

Bob told us he was scheduled to teach a skiing class last Monday, but when he got there, no one showed up. Guess there was some confusion, but the class ultimately showed up.

Warren said he made a trip to his old home town and as he was walking down the street, he met an "old guy" walking toward him that seemed familiar. Turned out the fellow was a freshman when he was a senior in high school.

Pun for the Week:

William C. Durant (1861-1947) Co-founded General Motors and Chevrolet. Most importantly, he founded Frigidaire, making him the very first Refrigerator Magnate.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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

January Anniversaries: Dave & Liz Knox – 1/22

January Membership Anniversaries: Dave Preble – 41 yrs – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 42 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 30 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 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.