



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 29th day of 2025. There are 326 days remaining in the year. Our guest speaker this morning is Chelsea Lathrop, Education and Outreach Coordinator with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Dave Preble is scheduled to be 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 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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter George Rice talked about Vocational Service and how Rotarians can use their vocational skills and expertise to serve their communities.

Announcements:

Curtis updated us on Mike Carter's recent absence. He said that Mike's wife, Jo-Ellen, has had some recent medical issues that have Mike transporting her as she cannot drive until she is cleared.

Dave P. – time for Crutches for Africa. Dave has been collecting walkers, canes, crutches and mobility devises that need to be delivered on Saturday, February 1. Dave is looking for help; John said that he could go with him so I think we're covered.

Tina went to the Mid-Year Brunch last Sunday (the 19th) and attended the breakout sessions on Youth Services. The District wants to start the Interact conference again as it has not been held since Covid. I believe Tina told us that the last conference was the one we hosted at OHCHS. Tina also said that Rotary is making changes to the student exchange program, making the exchanges 3 weeks to 3 months instead of 9 months.

Bob sold 12 cheese bricks at that same brunch and spent some time talking with some of the RYLA kids.

Last Week:

PP Beth Abbott substituted for President Dan who was under the weather. She led us in the Pledge and Curtis gave the blessing.

George Rice presented Tina Fox with her EREY sticker for reaching the \$100.00 goal.

Due to some mis-communication between Yours Truly and our guest speaker, he was not able to come and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

There being no other business or announcements, we went right to Happy Dollars.

Pun for the Week:

A teacher once told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be auto correct for which I am now eternally grapefruit.

50/50 – Treasurer Liz drew Patty Rice's number. According to Stan, there were just 11 balls left in the bag and Patty drew the yellow one, winning \$365.00 in the pot. Congratulations Patty!

Happy and Sad Dollars

Curtis heard that Val made Terry's blueberry sauce and that it came out great.

David K. wished his wife, Liz, a happy 42nd Anniversary.

Patty had happy dollars for her, Beth and Barbara's mother, Evy, who recently turned 90. Among other treats, the family took Evy to Applebee's where she had a perfect Margarita. As of last Tuesday, Evy had received 32 cards which she had a good time reading.

Tina had happy birthday greetings for her younger daughter who was going to come home to a clean house, thanks to Tina. Surprise!

Bob said that he went skiing at Sunday River with Curtis a couple of years ago and got Covid. This year has been different but Bob has a ways to go to catch up to a friend who has already reached 56 days of skiing.

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 Bethel Inn Resort in the Terrace Area of Millbrook Tavern, 21 Broad St., 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.