

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, January 31, 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 31st day of 2024. There are 335 days remaining in the year. This morning, we will have a Vocational Service speaker with us. David Knox 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.

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 – Vocational Service speaker Chris Miller and Tally Decato

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Ron Morse did not have a particular Rotary Moment to share except to say that he was proud to be a part of an organization and club of fine people devoted to community service.

Announcements:

President Beth – there is a letter on the back table to give to potential donors to the calendar we will be selling next month. We have had a few donations, including cash, and a very generous donation of \$500 from Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Beth also announced that she and Tina Fox will be meeting with Community Concepts next week to talk about combining our May Day Play Day with their Touch-a-Truck. Community Concepts suggested this to us last year and our board supported the idea. More to come!

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in song and also gave the blessing.

Vocational Chair Jeff Noblin introduced past member, Dan Hart, who talked about his career in education and his current and new position as an Education Co-ordinator for the University of Maine at Farmington. This is Dan's 5th year at UMF working with and mentoring student teachers and new teachers with 1 & 2 years of experience. After his talk, he asked us to remember our favorite teacher and why they were important to us. We had some very interesting comments and conversations.

50-50: Tally drew Connor's number but Connor drew the 6 of Clubs, not the King of Clubs. There was \$46.00 in the pot.

Happy and Sad Dollars

As we were running late, we only had time for one happy dollar:

Patty was happy that she and George closed on the farm last Friday and that they are moving on to the next chapter of their lives.

Pun for the Week:

Thursdays are so depressing. If you think they are bad, just wait two more days. It will be a sadder day.

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.