



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 43rd day of 2025. There are 322 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. Ron Morse is our greeting.

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:

12 – Students of the Month and Ron Morse

19 – Warren Spencer and Liz Knox

26 – Val Weston and Dave Knox

Calendar for March:

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

5 – Club Assembly and John Griffith

12 – Students of the Month and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Visiting Rotarian, Natalie Donais from Suffern, Connecticut, was the guest of her father, Ron Morse. There were no other visitors.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Jeff Noblin talked about the importance of mentorship and how Rotarians can use the experience and expertise to help those interested in furthering their careers. It is invaluable to have an older and wiser person help them.

Announcements:

Curtis updated us on Mike Carter's recent absences. In addition to helping his wife get through her recent medical issues, Mike recently had knee replacement surgery.

Liz – we still have 16 cases of 6 cheese bricks to sell. That's 96 in total remaining. Selling the rest of these will be pure profit of an additional \$2,400.00. Not including these, to date, we have covered our costs and have made almost \$4,000.00. As mentioned before, Bob sold a number of bricks at the mid-year brunch a couple of weeks ago.

Beth – planning for May Day Play Day continues. We have put a deposit on 6 inflatables. 4 of them will be in the gym and the other two will be elsewhere, yet to be determined. We also need new and good used books for K thru 6th grade for the "book" room that day as RIF is no longer.

In addition, the staff from W.J. Wheeler Insurance will be helping us as their community day and Norway Savings Bank is making a financial contribution. Hopefully, we can cover the cost of books with donations.

We also gave out all 8 of our scholarships to last year's seniors. Three of the students are carrying 4.0 averages. It's the first time in anyone's memory that we have given out all 8 scholarships.

Dave P – thanked John for helping with Crutches for Africa. Truly a remarkable project. Dave said he will continue to collect crutches and walkers for the coming year, just don't tell Becky.

Last Week:

PE Jeff substituted for President Dan who is still recovering from dislocating his hip a second time. Last note I had from Dan was that he hoped to be able to return to the podium this week. Jeff led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing.

After breakfast and announcements (as above), we went to Happy Dollars.

Pun for the Week:

“I told a joke on a Zoom meeting, but nobody laughed. Turns out, I am not remotely funny.

And not necessarily a pun, but something I found somewhat humorous:

“I am not great at anything, but I can do many things poorly.”

50/50 – Natalie Donais drew Curtis’s number but Curtis didn’t draw the King of Clubs. Since Patty won the pot at our last meeting, Curtis only lost out in \$8.00.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Connor - was happy to get in his first snowmobile ride of the season.

Curtis - had happy dollars for his first skiing on Norway Lake.

Patty - was happy to see Natalie again.

Bob met 2 women at the mountain who were from Brazil. They spoke Portuguese, but through hand and body gestures, he was able to communicate with them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

February Birthdays: Shelley (John) Griffith – 2/4; Ron Morse – 2/24

February Anniversaries: None Listed

February Membership Anniversaries: None Listed

Kind of a sparse month!

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.

And should anyone get to the end of this Reader, most everything is in RED because:

Happy Valentines Day!