

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, February 14, 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 45th day of 2024. There are 321 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. John Griffith 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.

February:

21 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox

28 – Vocational Service speaker Chris Miller and Tally Decato

March:

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

6 – Club Assembly and Curtis Cole

13 – Students of the Month and Mike Carter

20 – David Knox and Connor Burnam

27 – Liz Knox and Dan Allen

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Liz Knox had a trivia moment for us. Has anyone heard of the Rotary “Toast?” Apparently, there are many long-standing toasts to and for Rotary around the world. Each toast can vary according to the country or club.

Announcements:

President Beth – Calendars will be ready to sell next (now this) week. We only have two weeks before March 1 to sell as many as we can. Remember that every one we sell is profit to the club and will help with our scholarships.

Beth and Tina met with Community Concepts about combining May Day Play Day with Touch-a-Truck. Beth explained that we will go with their Touch-a-Truck date, which is May 18 this year, a week later than we normally hold MDPD. We will still have the bounce house / obstacle course in the gym but our other events will be closer to the bus loop where the trucks set up.

There is a sympathy card for Linda Earle going around so please be sure to sign it. The board also approved sending a \$500.00 donation in Roy Earle’s name to Honor Flight Maine.

From communication from the manager at Walmart, Beth will be ordering the Christmas for Teens pillows so they will come and we will have them on hand. Apparently Walmart will be undergoing a remodel this fall and the manager thought it would be easier for us and for them if we got the pillows early. We also received thank-you notes from Christmas for Teens and Christmas for Kids.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “God Bless America.” Dan also gave the blessing.

Our program was the January Students of the Month, postponed from the usual date in January because of the storm we had. Unfortunately, only one of the four students could make it. One had to leave early in the morning for a ski trip and two were not feeling well. Their write-ups are at the end of the Reader.

50-50: Dan drew Val’s number but Val drew the Queen of Spades, not the King of Clubs. There was \$64.00 in the pot.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dan – had a sad \$5.00 for the broken rib he sustained when he fell last week but was happy that it will eventually heal and the pain will go away.

Patty – was happy for past members, Peter and Becky Kaurup, who were in Columbia on a Rotary excursion. They also met up with PDGs Peter and Caroline Johnson, who were on the same trip.

John – was happy and sad that the storm that hit the Maritime provinces last weekend missed us. His cousins reported getting between 60 and 80 cms of snow – which translates to between 20-30 inches. There was also a lot of drifting due to the high winds. As much as he dislikes winter, John was sad that we didn't get the storm just because we haven't had a good one in a long time.

Puns for the Week:

“Avoidable” – what a matador attempts to do.

That one's a little short so here's another:

I bought a new pair of shoes today but one of them isn't right.

The Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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

February Anniversaries: None found

February Membership Anniversaries: None found

Remember the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

First – Is it the Truth?

Second – Is it Fair to all concerned?

Third – Will it build goodwill and better Friendships?

Fourth – Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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.

January Students of the Month 2024

Students of the month show that they CARE.

Theme: January

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

Grade 9 Gunner Truman

Nominating Staff: Charlee Noble

Gunner is a dedicated hardworking student. He cares about others, as well as his own education and reputation. He is an honors student involved in athletics who also puts his schoolwork as a top priority. Gunner always gets his schoolwork (in-class and homework) done, asks clarifying questions, and helps classmates when applicable. He is kind and respectful. He checks in when he is going to miss class or has missed class due to excused absences. He sets a great example for his peers.

Grade 10 Samantha McPhail

Nominating Staff: Ian Truman

Sam is a great kid and brings a great work ethic and attitude to the classroom. I've had Sam for 2 years and she has always been a good student. This year, however, she is working extremely hard to be a great student. Her life has not gotten any busier, but she is finding ways to manage her time with an emphasis on excellence in school and it is very noticeable.

Grade 11 Andrew Malo**Nominating Staff: Mr. Cassidy**

Andrew is always kind and caring to his fellow students. I witnessed Andrew kindly explain a portion of a team project that another student was having a difficult time understanding. Andrew explained the materials needed and the steps to complete the section of work with caring patience so that his friend would better succeed.

Grade 12 Andrea Cremona**Nominating Staff: Shellie Leger**

Andrea shows up for class on time, dives into her work, asks clarifying questions, thinks critically and creatively, and meets deadlines. She has focused on her academic goals while being able to help other classmates. Andrea will put her own work aside to help others who may be struggling. For example, A fellow classmate of Andrea's has a serious medical condition. That student needed to go to the nurse's office and Andrea took charge (being familiar with this student and understanding the student's needs) of making sure she got there safely.