



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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:

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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 50th day of 2025. There are 315 days remaining in the year. Warren Spencer is program chair today. His guest speaker is Lisa Stevens from Feed the Children. Liz Knox 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.

Calendar for February:

26 – Val Weston and **Dave Knox**. Val has asked Dave Preble to tell us about his and Becky’s cross country trip last fall.

Calendar for March:

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

5 – Guest Speaker: Katharine Perkins for Rotary Youth Exchange and **John Griffith**

12 – Students of the Month and **Tina Fox**

19 – Beth Abbott and **Curtis Cole**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

The February Students of the Month and their guests were our only visitors. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

We did not have a Rotary Moment last week.

Announcements:

PE Jeff substituted again for President Dan who remains at home as he and his wife have been dealing with a lot of illness this winter.

Bob mentioned the ski chart score card with his name, Dave P's, Curtis's and Jeff's name on it, keeping track of how many times each has been skiing this year. So far, Dave is in first place, followed by Bob, Curtis and then Jeff. However, Jeff said he has recently been added and has not had a lot of time to hit the mountains. Bob reminded everyone that there were still approximately 60 ski days left in the season, so there is plenty of time remaining to get to first place.

Last Week:

PE Jeff substituted for President Dan and led is in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing. There being no announcements other than those mentioned above, we went right to breakfast after which Jeff turned the program over to Tina Fox and the Students of the Month.

Tina explained the process of how the students are nominated and then chosen. She also talked about the Interact Club, Rotoract for students thinking of college and RYLA. The Freshman and Sophomore were unable to attend, so Tina read their teacher's write-ups and said she would get their plaques and information to them. The junior and senior were introduced by other Rotarians. All of the student write-ups are at the end of the Reader as per usual.

Puns for the Week:

"I didn't think laundry detergent could go bad....but the Tide has turned."

"I'm currently reading '101 Uses for Super Glue' and I just can't put it down!"

50/50 – I did not see or hear who drew Warren’s winning ticket, but he drew the 5 of Spades, not the King of Clubs. As a consolation, there was only \$15.00 in the pot.

 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 

Curtis had hot and cold dollars – hot for Frank when he said it was 79 degrees in Port Charlotte and cold for the furnace not working at the church where we sat in 58 degree temperatures.

Tina had happy dollars for the students and their parents, and she was happy to be going out ice fishing on Norway lake with the 7th graders after Rotary.

Warren was happy not to be going with Tina and the 7th graders!

Patty had sad dollars to tell us that Ron’s wife, Laura, is on hospice, that she has good days and bad days, a lot of ups and downs.

Two weeks ago, **Bob** had some Brazilian women in his ski class at the mountain. Last weekend, he had two classes with people from China. They were thrilled that Bob could count to 5 in Chinese and that gave them a good connection

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.

Students of the Month February 2025

Students who show kindness, understanding, and a willingness to give time or resources to those in need.

9th Grade: Dalton Colson

Nominating Staff: Lisa Whittemore

Dalton is one of my most kind, considerate students this year. He has received more Viking Care cards from me than any other student. After he gets his work done, especially in Freshman Tutorial, he offers to help with whatever extra student-doable tasks I have that day. He has even offered to miss his lunch to be helpful. So far this year Dalton has saved me more than a dozen hours. He learned to make photocopies, also learning how to staple and 3-punch holes on the copier to make things easier for me. He has stamped and numbered English department books and delivered them and supplies to English teachers. He has hung student work for display in the hall.

Dalton pays attention to details and asks clarifying questions to ensure that he is performing each task to my preference. Dalton is compassionate toward other well-behaved students and me in his English class in the way that he models excellent personal conduct among several loud, impulsive students. Because he is such a kind, compassionate person, I have intentionally moved Dalton's desk to be near a non-verbal wheelchair-bound student who had been upset by loud, disrespectful students sitting near him. Dalton's behavior contributes to a more peaceful, orderly learning environment.

10th Grade: Madison Smith

Nominating Staff: Sue LeBlond

Maddie is always ready to help peers with whatever they need. She shows kindness and understanding of her peers. Maddie helped her peer group in math class working out the problems in class and to better understand the content. She has the attitude that will bring her success in whatever she wants to achieve. She is a real pleasure to have in class.

11th Grade: MacKenzie Van Nest

Nominating Staff: Deb Ladner

She is an all-around great student! Helpful to anyone who needs it, understanding and compassionate to those in need, will jump right in and help with any student or staff in need, knowledgeable about what is going on in the school. She has been my office aide for 2 years and can be trusted with any situation. She is willing to help any student who comes in the office that has questions or is lost. She is kind to everyone and helps where needed - often without being asked. I am sorry I can't have her next semester but what a lucky school we are to have her as a student!!

12th Grade: Riley Files

Nominating Staff: Lori Bean & Dave Knightly

Riley is incredibly kind to her classmates, and teachers. Always respectful and so willing to help in any situation. She can read peers emotions and tries to help when someone is struggling. Riley goes above and beyond in the cafe to help customers and make sure they have everything they need; she helps instructors with anything

before even being asked and is always a great help, leader and role model for her peers. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity and pleasure to have Riley in my class! Riley competed in the Tech Challenge Cafe division. She signed up in Nov with a fellow student. They practiced and had their meal and plan down, when 2 days before the event, the other student became very ill and unable to attend. So Riley, instead of giving up and backing out, she talked to one of her less confident friends into competing with her by building up her up and telling her she had faith in her and they could do it. Thankfully that's exactly what happened. With Riley's guidance, leadership and patience, she and her partner not only successfully competed in the cooking competition, but they also won! So amazing to see all that transpire. Riley has dependability, positivity, consistency, sense of humor. Her interaction with customers in the Acorn Cafe is amazing!