

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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Wednesday, February 21, 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."

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## 2023-2024 Officers:

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7789  
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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 52nd day of 2024. There are 314 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair this morning and Tina Fox 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](mailto: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:

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 Mike Carter

13 – Students of the Month and Curtis Cole

17 – Bethel Rotary Club Breakfast at Gould Academy, 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

20 – David Knox and Connor Burnam

27 – Liz Knox and Dan Allen

27 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly Meeting, after our regular morning meeting.

### **Rotary Moment:**

With the February Students of the Month and their parents in attendance, Greeter John Griffith talked about the origins of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club and some of the projects that we have done locally, as well as some of the things we have done internationally such as Polio Plus.

### **Announcements:**

**Tina Fox** handed out 12 calendars to each member to sell in the upcoming 2 weeks as our first drawing will be on Friday, March 1. We have printed 300 of them, the cost is \$10.00 per calendar. If we sell all of them, we will make \$3,000.00. If you sell yours and need more, contact Tina.

### **Last Week:**

**President Beth** led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Dan Allen led us in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee.” Mike Carter gave the invocation.

Our program was the February Students of the Month. Tina talked about the origins of the Student of the Month program, the monthly themes and how students are nominated and chosen. After the Students were presented to the club, Curtis Cole talked about the 4-Way Test and the key chains the students received. Tina also talked about RYLA.

The student write-ups are on the back page of the Reader.

**50-50: Liz drew Jeff’s number and after carefully feeling the deck, he drew the King of Clubs and won \$73.00. And then, of course, he sat for his picture with the crown on his head. Congratulations, Jeff!**

### **Happy and Sad Dollars**

**Patty** had happy dollars for the Super Bowl. It was a great game and fun to watch. She also wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

**Lynne** had a happy \$20 for her daughter-in-law’s new dog, for a nice weekend with her grandchildren and lunch at DaVinci’s in Lewiston. She was also happy for the students in attendance.

**Tina** was happy for her granddaughter, Josie and her class for winning the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team championship for southern Maine. Then her granddaughter, Madi, went to Veazie and won the 4<sup>th</sup> grade tournament with 5 other OH girls. Madi also got tournament MVP.

**Bob** had a great day last Saturday skiing with his grandchildren who are 3,5 and 9. He also gave a ski lesson so they were all able to ski for free.

### **Pun for the Week:**

The fellow that fell into the upholstery machine is now at home and fully recovered.

### **The Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution**

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

### **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](http://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](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.

## February Students of the Month 2024

Students of the month show that they CARE.

Theme: February

E - Empathetic, Compassionate and Kind: Students who show kindness, understanding, and a willingness to give time or resources to those in need

### **Grade 9: Cody Albert**

#### **Nominating Staff: Susie Hanington**

Cody exemplifies empathy, compassion, and kindness on a daily basis. He is always asking both peers and teachers how they are doing, greets everyone, offers any supplies or snacks up immediately to those in need, and continuously chooses to use kind words no matter what he hears in return. Cody is in a very eclectic class of students and he is embraced by all students because he is known as a friendly smiling face. He does not shy away from making connections or offering support. On our return to school after the Lewiston Shooting back in October, Cody was incredibly sincere with his worry and concern for others, their families and friends and their feelings. He came up to me and asked if all of my loved ones were safe and asked how I was feeling. It was definitely a moment that sticks with me, but this is also just an example of how Cody is day in and day out.

### **Grade 10: Lillith Todd-Gearhart**

#### **Nominating Staff: Michelle Roberts and Shellie Leger**

Michelle states: Lilith is thoughtful of not only her fellow students but also staff. 2 years in a row she has given me and Jen Lance holidays cards expressing how much it means to her that we facilitate a quiet space for kids like her. It means so much to us to get an acknowledgement from students to make us feel appreciated.

Shellie states: Lillith always quick to support other students academically and emotionally. She offered to help a fellow student with a specific assignment that was creating some anxiety for that student.

### **Grade 11: Noah Damon-Travers**

#### **Nominating Staff: Dennis Boyd**

Noah has worked hard over the past 3 years in the Choral Program on his own voice. He is also the kind of kid who will drop everything to help anyone else out. He is a great kid who exemplifies our core values every day. Whenever I need something done, Noah is the guy who will not only take it on, but will build a team to accomplish the task appropriately. He is a fabulous member of Key Club, a GREAT Teachers assistant (TA) for the music department, a dedicated team-mate of his cross country ski team, and a team player in our music department.

**Grade 12: Oliver Wright**

**Nominating Staff: Tina Fox and Luc Roy**

In our STEM class, Oliver is Empathetic, Compassionate, and Kind! Oliver has shown the willingness to help their group members with the understanding and performing of the labs. Oliver has a great deal of math background that is essential to our STEM course that includes physics and mathematics. They continue to challenge their peers as well as Mr. Roy and I by asking probing questions that make for great classroom discussion. All the while they are kind and considerate to others' feelings. Oliver still strives to learn the new material in new and inventive ways. They have a willingness to look outside the box and share this vision with others.