



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
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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 57th day of 2025. There are 308 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. She has asked our own Dave Preble to talk about his and Becky’s trip out west last fall. David 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 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

26 – Connor Burnam and Connor Burnam. Sorry about the double duty, Connor, but that’s the way the calendar crumbles sometimes.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Liz Knox wanted to let Ron Morse know that his Rotary family is thinking of him at the loss of his wife, Laura, who passed away the previous Sunday. Laura helped with many Rotary events and she will be missed by all.

Announcements:

The only announcement was from Treasurer Liz that we are down to 52 bricks of cheese from the 96 of previous weeks. Thanks to all who have sold more cheese!

Last Week:

PP Beth substituted for President Dan and led is in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing. President Dan at home in Warren helping his wife, Nancy, recover from her illness.

After breakfast, program chair Warren Spencer introduced Lisa Stevens from “Feed the Kids.” She started off by telling us she grew up in Norway and was a 3rd grade teacher at Oxford Elementary for many years. She told us how much the kids enjoyed getting their dictionaries in the 3rd grade, that it was a very exciting day when we came and handed them out. It’s a great program.

Lisa said that Feed the Kids had its beginnings in 2013 when a member of her church brought up how many children struggle with food insecurity. The program began with the church providing food bags to kids for weekends and vacations. It’s disturbing to know that the only food some kids get is what they get from the school and food pantries. For this week of February vacation, they gave out 16 food bags at an average cost of \$16.00 each; on the weekends, the bags generally cost \$9.00. 100% of the money they raise goes to purchase food, and they also work with 12 food banks in the Oxford Hills. They rely primarily on private donations. At the close of her talk, Warren presented Lisa with a check from the club for \$500.00.

Puns for the Week:

“I was arrested once for stealing an iPhone but I fortunately didn’t FaceTime.”

“Last night, someone broke into my home and took a dozen eggs, but they left a saucepan full of warm water. The police believe it was poachers.”

50/50 – Patty drew Dave Preble’s number but he drew the Queen of Spades, not the Kind of Clubs. There was \$22.00 in the pot.

😊 ***Happy and Sad Dollars*** 😊

Warren had happy dollars for Lisa coming to talk to us.

Dave P. was happy the wind has finally stopped and now he can get back to skiing. He also said he discovered that three shingles blew off his house.

Mike was happy to be back after his surgery.

John had an apology dollar for being late with the Reader this week.

Patty told us that she spoke with Ron, who sounded very tired. She said the family is planning a memorial service for Laura the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend with interment in Pine Grove Cemetery and a Celebration of Life at the Heywood Club.

Bob was happy to have ski students from Jersey, UK, last weekend. They followed the students from China and Brazil that he had on previous weekends.

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.