

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, February 28, 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 59th day of 2024. There are 307 days remaining in the year. Postponed from Vocational Service Month, Chris Miller from Ride Source is our guest speaker. Tally Decato 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

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:

Greeter Tina Fox talked about a student’s experience as a Rotary Exchange student. The first family they stayed with was a little odd and the Club meeting was really strange. However, the second family they stayed with was the best experience a teenager could ever have.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week. Lynne, Frank and Bob joined us on Zoom.

Announcements:

Tina Fox – calendar sales are going well and she had to print more – which is great news. All calendar tickets and money MUST be handed in this week as the drawings start this coming Friday.

Dan Allen – the Officers and Directors for next year are as follows. We will be voting for them at our meeting on March 6:

President: Dan Allen
President-elect: Jeff Noblin
Vice-president: Connor Burnam
Treasurer: Liz Knox
Secretary: John Griffith
Past President: Beth Abbott
Club Service: Vacant
Vocational Service: Jeff Noblin
Community Service: Beth Abbott
International Service: Valerie Weston
Youth Service: Tina Fox
Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Brett

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.

Curtis was unable to secure a guest speaker, so he took advantage of the time to talk to the Club about membership which he and Tally have been working on. Unfortunately, everyone they have talked to has not been as receptive to an invitation to join us for breakfast as hoped. Curtis and Tally have talked to John Williams at the Chamber of Commerce which has some 400 members that we might be able to tap into. This led to a discussion among the members and some suggestions as to how we might proceed. Dan Allen didn't have much time at the end, but he spoke to the group about his enthusiasm for Rotary and how he hopes to promote that during his presidential year.

50-50: Seems we ran out of decks of cards, so we are now using the bag with the blue and yellow balls. Tally drew Curtis's number but he did not draw the

winning yellow ball out of the bag. Because Jeff won last week, there was only \$8 in the pot.

 Happy and Sad Dollars 

We didn't have time for Happy or Sad Dollars.

Pun for the Week:

They say with age comes wisdom so therefore I don't have wrinkles. I have wise cracks.

The Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

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.