



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**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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### 2024-2025 Officers:

Rotary International President: Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania - District 7780  
Governor: Robert McKenzie, Rotary Club of Kennebunk, ME – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Connor Burnam - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Service Chair: Bob Schott – 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 71st day of 2025. There are 294 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Tina Fox is scheduled to be greeter, but because she will be busy with the students, Jeff Noblin volunteered to be greeter in her place.

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.

### Calendar for March:

**19 – Chelsea Lathrop from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife** will be our guest speaker. She was originally scheduled to speak to us during Vocational Service month. **Curtis Cole** is our greeter.

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

**26 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly meeting: 8:45 AM after our regular morning meeting.**

**31 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM**

### *Calendar for April:*

2 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

9 – April Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

16 – Mike Carter and Lynne Schott

23 – Curtis Cole and Bob Schott

30 – Tally Decato and Patty Rice

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

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

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter John Griffith did not have a Rotary Moment. Sorry folks.

### *Announcements:*

*President Dan Allen* has stepped down as president effective immediately, but he plans to remain as a member. Past President Beth Abbott has agreed to step in to finish Dan's term which the board approved at their meeting on Monday night.

From the board meeting, the club has donated \$500.00 to Doctors without Borders. We donated to them a couple of years ago in memory of past member David Whittier.

*President Beth* met with Community Concepts about May Day Play Day to tour the high school and get an idea of where to place things other than the gym. We have 6 inflatables coming this year; 4 will be in the gym, the other two will be in the cafeteria area, I believe. W.J. Wheeler Ins. and Emerson Toyota are also helping to underwrite the entire MDPD event.

We still need books for the MDPD book room now that RIF is no longer in the picture. This was a very popular part of last year's MDPD and we would like to continue it. If you have or know of someone who has some used books in good condition or would like to donate \$\$ for some new books, please speak to Beth.

We received an e-mail from two South Campus Middle School student asking how to set up a roadside clean-up. These students are trying to organize one for a science project. The board agreed that this would be something we would be interested in supporting the kids with and asked Secretary John to write a response, offering some suggestions and asking some questions about it to get more information on our role. To date, John has not heard back.

Treasurer Liz noted that we are down to 5 or 6 cases of cheese, so about 30-36 bricks left. Remember, all the remaining ones we sell are pure profit to the club.

PP and PDG George is at Norway Center for some R&R after having a heart issue last week and a stay at Stephen's. Patty expects that he will be there for about a week, having physical therapy and gaining some strength before coming home.

### Last Week:

President Beth –led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Beth handed out perfect attendance awards to Stan, Dave P., George, Patty, Jeff, David K., Bob and Beth, herself. Secretary John apologized for the lateness of some of the awards.

Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Katharine Perkins, did not appear. John received an apology e-mail from her later in the day explaining that she neglected to set her alarm clock and overslept. Katharine still wants to come and speak to us so she and John are working to set up another date.

### Puns for the Week:

“I am an archaeologist, but I’m always depressed because my life is in ruins.”

“I invented a measuring cup for the blind with a speaker to tell you how full it is. It speaks volumes.”

**50/50 – Liz drew Stan’s number but Stan drew the 7 of Spades. There was \$35 in the pot.**

### Happy and Sad Dollars

**David K.** had happy to wake up this morning dollars.

**Bob** was happy to review his winter activities chart. He said he’s thinking of adding snow blowing to the list of activities.

**Dave P.** didn’t know about George but he got a call from George who was concerned about Lobsters for Scholars which Dave is taking over.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**March Birthdays:** Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; John Griffith – 3/21; David Knox – 3/24; Chris (Val) Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

**March Anniversaries:** None

**March Membership Anniversaries:** Dan Allen – 41 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 29 yrs. –

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

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., 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.