



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, March 26, 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: Conner 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 85th day of 2025. There are 280 days remaining in the year. Our scheduled guest speaker is Katharine Perkins from the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary who will be speaking on Rotary Youth Exchange. Conner Burnam is our greeter. Don't forget that we will be having a Charitable Foundation quarterly meeting after our regular morning meeting.

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:

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

### Calendar for April:

**2 – Club Assembly and Val Weston**

**5 – District Assembly at Westbrook High School**

**9 – April Students of the Month and Warren Spencer**

**16 – Mike Carter and Lynne Schott**

### *April Cont'd:*

23 – Curtis Cole and Bob Schott

30 – Tally Decato and Patty Rice

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

Dan Hart from the Bethel Club and AG Julie Forbes from the Bridgton-Lake Region Club were our visiting Rotarians. We did not have any other guests.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Curtis Cole read a column from the Rotary magazine written by Foundation Chair, Mark Daniel Maloney about building peace centers and the plans to have an 8<sup>th</sup> one which will be located in Southeast Asia.

### *Announcements:*

We didn't have any updates. However, for those who don't follow Dan Allen on Facebook, he posted over the weekend that he dislocated his hip again and was in the hospital in Bangor. He later updated that a team of doctors put it back in place and discharged him late in the evening, making it too late to travel back to Warren.

### *Last Week:*

*President Beth* –led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. Once again, our guest speaker did not make an appearance. Fortunately, AG Julie Forbes was with us and she spoke on several things. First of all, she apologized for not getting to club meetings as much as she hoped. She talked briefly on PELS, which used to be PETS. Her comment was that Emma Bodwell really knows how to put on a party and that her year as AG is going to be an exciting one. She encouraged everyone to come to the District Assembly on April 4<sup>th</sup> which should be a fantastic time. Julie told us that PELS focused on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. A sense of belonging is important, especially because of the isolation we experienced during Covid which is still being felt in some ways. She also mentioned that little things are not so little when taken together, so we just need to be aware of what's happening around us. Besides the District Assembly on April 5<sup>th</sup>, she told us that Mike McGovern will be speaking to the Lake Region Club at their meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. He will be speaking about polio, the effect of the current administration closing down USAID which was instrumental in monitoring vaccines and furthering research in Rotary's quest to eliminate polio. The Kennebunk Club is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Colony Hotel on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The District Changeover meeting will be a cruise on the Songo River Queen in Naples from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM the evening of June 18<sup>th</sup>. Seating will be limited so make your reservation early.

**These aren't exactly Puns but close enough:**

I got a call from the police. They want me to come in for an interview. I don't even remember applying for the job.

Alligators can live up to 50 years. This significantly increases the chances that they will, in fact, see you later.

**50/50** – Tally drew Lynn's number but Lynne didn't draw the King of Clubs. By the way, it was nice to have Lynne back with us after a few weeks' absence. Glad you are feeling better, Lynne.

**😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊**

**Patty** has added to Bob's Winter Activity Chart with one day of snowshoeing. She also had \$18 happy dollars for the 18 nights that George was away from home. She said he is now home and is working on building himself up again.

**Dan Hart** had a happy \$10 for being with us again. He also had tickets to sell for the Bethel Club's Country breakfast being held on March 30 from 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

**Lynne** had a happy \$10 for being with us again and for spending the weekend with her grandkids.

**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.