

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, March 13, 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 73rd day of 2024. There are 293 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month with us. Curtis Cole 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.

March:

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

20 – Lix Knox and Connor Burnam

27 – Ron Morse and Dan Allen

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

April:

1 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

3 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

10 – Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

17 – Jeff Noblin and Lynne Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Past Member Alice Paul and her husband, Charlie were our guests.

Announcements:

Mike Carter announced that there will be a memorial service for Roy Earle at the First Congregational Church on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 AM.

John Griffith - according to the notes I received from Curtis, we apparently did not hold our annual meeting and vote on the slate of officers and directors for next year. As a reminder, these are the folks who have agreed to serve.

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.

Last week’s program was a presentation to Charlie Paul of \$500.00 to Honor Flight Maine in memory of past member, Roy Earle. Charlie proceeded to tell “Roy” and other stories concerning Honor Flight trips to Washington, DC.

PP George Rice then presented Alice Paul with her first Paul Harris Fellow award for her many hours of Rotary service when she was a member, and for all she has done in the community since then. Truly a very deserving award.

President Beth then announced today’s winner for the Calendar drawing, a \$75 gift certificate to Record Lumber which went to our very own Tina Fox. The next 6 day winners were drawn privately after the meeting and will be announced each day on our Facebook page. Beth said a total of 307 calendars were sold and the proceeds will be evenly divided between the Charitable fund and the general fund.

50-50: Patty’s number was drawn but she didn’t draw the yellow ball. Sorry Patty!

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dan said that he was heading to PETS later this week and was looking forward to the experience.

Warren said he was looking forward to substituting for Stan as Sergeant-at-Arms who will be away next (now this) week. His approach will be “traditional” and “hard a**.”

Val told us that Chris had another successful stent inserted into his cardiovascular system and he feels much better.

Patty announced that the birds finally showed up at their new feeder as well as nine deer.

Bob reminded members that it was 20 years ago when Roy was 80 years young, that he was club president and went down the Kennebec river in Bob’s raft (in true marine fashion).

Dave P. mentioned that he, Bob and Curtis, had a recent Rotary “make-up” meeting at Sunday River last Friday that was good fun.

Alice Paul said she was very humbled to receive the Paul Harris Fellow award.

Pun for the Week:

I’ve got maybe two or three Motown puns left in me. Four tops.

And there’s room for a second one again this week:

I hate Daylight Saving time so much, I actually lost sleep over it.

The Rotary Theme for March is Water and Sanitation

Making schools healthier, all 24 of the country of Lebanon’s Rotary clubs came together — overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions — to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

March Birthdays: Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; Laura (Ron) Morse – 3/18; John Griffith – 3/21; David Knox – 3/24; Chris (Valerie) Weston – 3/25; Susan (Mike) Morin – 3/30; Ann Marie Brett – 3/31

March Anniversaries: None Listed

March Membership Anniversaries: Dan Allen – 40 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 28 yrs. – 3/27

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.