

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."

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 80th day of 2024. There are 286 days remaining in the year. Liz Knox is program chair this week and Connor Burnam is 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:

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

24 – Dave Preble and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Past Oxford Hills member and current Bethel Club member, Dan Hart was our visiting Rotarian. Welcome Dan! Our other guests were the Students of the Month and their families.

Announcements:

Tina Fox announced that the Interact project, Pennies for Polio, raised \$385.00 at the high school. With the Gates Foundation matching 2 for 1, that means the Interact club will donate \$1,155.00 to Polio eradication.

John Griffith – I will continue to leave the slate of officers for 2024-2025 in the Reader until the club votes on them. 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. We did not have a song. Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

Our program was the March Students of the Month. Tina began by explaining how the Student of the Month program began, the monthly themes and how the students are nominated and chosen.

After the presentations, George talked about the 4-Way Test and handed out 4-Way Test key chains to the students.

The write-ups for the students are at the back of the Reader.

50-50: Unfortunately, the Zoom feed quit before the end of happy dollars so I did not hear whose number was chosen and whether or not the winner drew the King of Clubs.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dan said that he found PETS very informative. He also had happy dollars for the students and their parents.

Patty was happy to see the students, parents and grandparents,

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).

Dan Hart was happy to see everyone again and mentioned going to the Sea Dogs again this coming summer.

Tina had a happy \$10 for the students and happy that we combining May Day Play Day with Touch-a-Truck on May 18. Planning is underway.

Puns for the Week:

My first apartment only had a 4 foot high ceiling. I couldn't stand living there.

Or how about this one:

Chickens go "bawk, bawk, bawk" because they are incapable of thinking outside the "bawks."

The Rotary Theme for March is Water and Sanitation

In the Philippines, Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.

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.

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Student of the Month for March

R - Responsible and Resilient: students who give their time to benefit their school and community

Grade 9 - Kerrigan Watson

Nominating Staff: Lisa Whittemore

Kerrigan is that student - the one I hope to get every year because she makes my class better. Kerrigan has it all - impressive work ethic and habit, great teammate; she's trustworthy, responsible, grateful, humble, and is just a nice person. She is my hardest working student this year. She earned an A+ in English honors for her first semester of high school! Often Kerrigan thanks me as she is leaving the room at the end of class, a show of kindness and gratitude that is not common among most 14- and 15-year-olds. As advanced a student as she is, Kerrigan heard and applied my strategy of memorizing a couple of new lines each day and adding them to her previously memorized lines of the Romeo and Juliet balcony scene. By doing that, Kerrigan memorized her entire 16-line soliloquy part five days ahead of the due date! That

showed me that she is open-minded to adopting new learning strategies, that she uses wisdom to establish a plan to achieve her goal, and that she disciplines herself to incrementally learn large chunks of work.

Grade 10 - Hannah Gomes

Nominating Staff: Ian Truman

Hannah has stellar grades, but more importantly, is a stellar person. She is kind and generous and polite, and she almost always presents with a smile that makes everyone around her happier.

Rather than one specific incident, Hannah is great to work with, for teachers and students alike, every single day.

Grade 11 - Carter Holbrook

Nominating Staff: Tina Fox

Carter came on to participate in Interact Club at the end of last year and has been awesome addition. He really shows how important his community is through his actions. Carter is Responsible and Resilient because he gives a lot of time to benefit his school and community. He has participated in many of Interact Club's community service activities, and he is willing to help wherever is needed. He comes to our meetings and contributes to organizing and completing community service opportunities. He has recorded over 80 community service hours with Interact Club, youth basketball, baseball and class sponsored events like, father-daughter dance. He is a joy to be around and he is always smiling. He enjoys the activities, his peers' company and the people who are impacted by his work. Carter stands out to me because he is Proud of Our Viking Community and shows that with his actions.

Grade 12 - Molly Kimball

Nominating Staff: Roland Godbout

Molly has been exemplar as a student representative for OHTS. Molly continues to strive to exceed expectations for Law Enforcement.

Molly went above and beyond for Maine Skills USA by assisting Fred Steeves in organizing the student administration process and getting law enforcement students signed up and paperwork completed.