



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, March 5, 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.”

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 – Dan Allen –
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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 64th day of 2025. There are 301 days remaining in the year. Our guest speaker this morning is Katharine Perkins, Rotary Youth Exchange leader. John Griffith 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.

Calendar for March:

12 – Students of the Month and Tina Fox

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 David Knox had a thank you to the club for letting him be a member and said something about being bright eyed and bushy tailed.....?

Announcements:

Bob told us he was going to change his scoreboard from the Alpine Challenge to Winter Challenge and was maybe going to add snow blowing to the list of activities.

Last Week:

President Dan – was back among us. He led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test as usual. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Dave Preble presented a slide show of his and Becky's trip out west last fall. He told us he spent two years planning the trip and some of it was to see again some of the sights that he saw when his parents took him and his brother on a similar trip when they were kids. They left on September 3rd and returned home on October 16th, traveling 10,300 miles and visiting 14 national parks. They took a northern route on the way out and a southern route on the way home. He had some great pictures of some beautiful scenery. All in all, it was a great trip and he and Becky are still married.

Puns for the Week:

“This morning, I coughed up a pawn, a bishop and a rook. I must have a chess infection. It was a rough knight.”

“Every morning, I tell my family I am going jogging, then I don’t go. It’s a running joke.”

50/50 – Patty drew Warren’s number but Warren drew the King of Diamonds. There was \$30 in the pot.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Ron had sad dollars for the loss of his soulmate, Laura, after 67 years together. He also told us that he had his 88th birthday last week.

Bob had a proud dollar for his 3 year old grandson who is now making parallel turns on his skis.

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

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