

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 66th day of 2024. There are 300 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly and Annual Meeting. Mike Carter 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:

13 – Students of the Month and Curtis Cole

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

20 – David Knox and Connor Burnam

27 – Liz Knox 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 – Liz Knox and Lynne Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week. Frank joined us on Zoom from Florida.

Announcements:

Tina Fox – all calendar money was handed in. Last count was that we sold 280 of them, which results in a \$2,800.00 profit which will be split 50/50 between the Club and the Charitable Foundation. We sold a lot of the calendars through social media and will be posting the daily winners on our Face Book page. Many thanks to Tina, Beth and Liz for heading up this fund raiser.

George Rice – we have two more members that have contributed \$100.00 for EREY, President Beth and Jeff Noblin. They each received stickers for their badges. In addition, their annual contributions put them over the top to become Paul Harris Fellows once again – Beth achieving PHF+4 and Jeff PHF+6.

Dave Preble – last year, we held our Cornhole Tournament at Ripley & Fletcher Ford over Labor Day weekend. There is a possibility we could hold this year's tournament at the Paris Hill Country Club and it definitely won't be held on Labor Day weekend.

We will be voting on the following slate of officers for 2024-2025:

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.

Beth gave out Perfect Attendance awards to Dave Preble for 8 years, Patty Rice for 31 years, George Rice for 30 years and Stan Brett for 28 years.

Vocational Service Chair Jeff Noblin introduced Chris Miller from Ride Source. Chris was scheduled to speak to us during Vocational Service month but had to postpone due to the weather. Chris and his partner, Sam Small, started in real estate and property management but felt the need to diversify and realized there was a need for transportation in the Oxford Hills. They started Ride Source in 2010 with two old vans, offering transportation to people who needed rides to medical appointments, schools and so on. Little did they know what they were getting into as Ride Source has grown to 70 employees and over 70 vehicles, making 500 trips per week and driving over 1,000,000 miles per year. The company grew even more when Community Concepts stopped offering transportation services. This year, Ride Source started offering school bus services for local school districts and it looks like their growth will continue.

50-50: Liz drew David's number but David didn't find the yellow ball. There was \$18 in the pot.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Dan was happily grateful to be here this morning and grateful for Stan for his work as Sergeant-at-Arms and for the tents.

Ron said he was happy to be our oldest member, having turned 87 on February 24th.

Lynne had happy dollars for the birds in her trees again. She was also happy that the clock in her car will once again have the correct time in another week and a half.

Patty was sad that her new house doesn't have any trees close by – no trees, no birds.

John was sad to tell everyone that Katie Letourneau, the former branch manager of the Norway Savings Bank main office in Norway, passed away recently at the age of 57. John's office was next to hers for 10 years.

Bob was happy to ski with all the grandchildren last weekend.

Pun for the Week:

Walking in the city last night, I passed by a slice of apple pie, a hot fudge sundae and a piece of lemon cheesecake. Oddly enough, I found the streets strangely desserted.

And there's room for a second one:

That guy just threw his milk at me. How dairy!

The Rotary Theme for March is Water and Sanitation

The Rotary theme for March, Water and Sanitation, asks us to focus on the life changing improvements that we can make through international projects to provide a more readily available and healthy supply of water to all people.

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.