



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, April 16, 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:

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### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 106th day of 2025. There are 259 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Superintendent of Schools, Heather Manchester, who will be talking about the administration’s preliminary MSAD 17 budget. Lynne Schott is our scheduled 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](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 April:

**23** – **Mike Carter** and **Bob Schott**. Mike’s program is Casey’s Journey, a non-profit helping to benefit community Middle and High School teenagers on their sports journey.

**30** – **Tally Decato** and **Patty Rice**

### *Calendar for May:*

**5/5 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office**

**5/7 – Club Assembly and George Rice**

**5/14 – May Students of the Month and Dave Preble**

**5/17 – May Day Play Day at OHCHS – 8:00 AM – 2:00PM**

**5/18 – Road Toll by the tennis courts at OHCHS – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**5/21 – Tina Fox and Jeff Noblin**

**5/28 – Top Students and Ron Morse**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

The May Students of the Month and their parents were our guests. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

### *Announcements:*

**Bob** told us that he made the maple syrup served with breakfast. Thanks Bob!

**Tina** will have sign-up sheets for MDPD next (now this) week.

**Dave P.** has Lobsters for Scholars tickets. We are selling two lots of 75 tickets, so there will be two sets of winners. First prize is a lobster dinner for 12, second prize is a \$100 gift certificate for lobster at the Oxford Casino and third prize is a \$50 gift certificate for lobster at Smedberg's. The drawing will be at our May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Liz** told is that there are 28 blocks of cheese remaining. I think I heard right that Bob sold 32 more of them at Pleasant Mountain for a total of \$800.

### *Last Week:*

**President Beth** –led us in the Pledge, the 4-Way Test and table order. Curtis gave the invocation.

After breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Youth Chair and Interact Advisor, Tina Fox. For the benefit of the students and their parents, Tina talked about the Student of the Month program, how it came to be, the monthly themes and how the students are chosen. She also talked about RYLA for the benefit of the freshman and sophomore. One of the Students of the Month, Dakota Bodman, is a RYLA graduate and she spoke about her experience. The write-ups for the students are at the end of the Reader.

### *Funnies for the week:*

Did you know that God drives a Plymouth? It says so in the Bible. “And God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden in a Fury.”

How about that convenience store beer robbery? Police say it’s a cold case.

**50/50 – Patty drew Val’s number but Val didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$71.00 in the pot.**

### *Happy and Sad Dollars* 😊

**Bob** was sad that skiing is coming to an end. I believe he said that he is up to 55 days of skiing while Dave P. is at 39 and Curtis is at 25.

**Dave P.** said he saw a commercial for District 7780 on WGAN-13.

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**April Birthdays:** George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

**April Anniversaries:** Jeff & Dean Noblin – 4/21

**April Membership Anniversaries:** None listed

**The 4-Way Test of the Things We Think Say and Do:**

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better **FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Is it **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**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.

## *Students of the Month April 2025*

The theme this month is Empathetic, Compassionate and Kind: *Students who* are willing to do what's right despite any unpleasant consequences that may follow.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aiden Rizzotti**

#### **Nominating Staff: Deric Hanscom**

*This incredible student consistently exceeds expectations in the classroom, actively participating in discussions and enhancing the learning experience for everyone. Aiden demonstrates initiative by seeking assistance promptly whenever he encounters challenges, never procrastinating on important matters like homework. His exemplary behavior and dedication make him an ideal candidate for student of the month, setting a standard that could be admired by all students worldwide.*

*Aiden encountered a life event that was going to make him miss some work. Instead of procrastinating, he let me know ahead of the event and did his work prior to missing the school/assignment.*

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ayla Wigton**

#### **Nominating Staff: Kate McCarthy and Lindsay Fox**

*Ms. McCarthy says: Ayla is always responsible, kind and respectful. Everyday in class she demonstrates behaviors that are commendable. She will help a student in need, she engages in thoughtful discussions.*

*Ms. Fox says: Ayla has an ability to lead without even realizing it. She is a quiet leader and leads by example. The moment class starts she gets to work and you can see everyone looks to her as the model to follow. Many will ask her questions during class and she is always willing to help. We did a team activity a few weeks ago and she worked with other students in a group and the group worked so well together. She didn't exclude anyone or exclude their thoughts. She was kind throughout the whole process. Even if Ayla doesn't agree with something she presents her ideas in a positive and kind manner and that kind of student is so wonderful to have in class.*

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Dakota Bodman**

#### **Nominating Staff: Jayne Bristol and Shellie Leger**

*Mrs. Bristol says: Dakota Bodman is consistently kind and respectful to both students and staff. She approaches others with genuine empathy and compassion, always ready to listen and offer support. Her warm smile and welcoming demeanor create a positive and inclusive atmosphere for everyone around her. Ms. Leger says: Dakota puts forth great effort in her tech program and was very kind to her classmates while competing in SkillsUSA. She finished first so she will compete at nationals and all the while she was helping her peers in the competition process.*

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shale Hilton**

**Nominating Staff: Dan Gilpatric**

*Shale consistently demonstrates exceptional responsibility and teamwork in class. He is always willing to step up and offer help, whether it's assisting his peers or ensuring everything is ready before leaving for the job site. His proactive attitude and willingness to work with anyone make him a valuable team member. Over time, he has shown remarkable growth as a student, consistently following directions and maintaining a strong awareness of both safety protocols and the program's requirements.*

*He is always punctual, well-organized, and prepared for class, which reflects his commitment to his learning. His dedication and hard work make him a pleasure to have in class, and his positive attitude contributes greatly to the classroom environment*