



Rotary

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."

2024-2025 Officers:

Rotary International President: Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania - District 7780
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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 113th day of 2025. There are 252 days remaining in the year. Mike Carter is program chair this morning. His program is about Casey's Journey, a non-profit helping to benefit community Middle and High School teenagers on their sports journey. Bob Schott 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 April:

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

May cont'd:

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

5/19 – River Valley Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration

5/21 – Tina Fox and Jeff Noblin

5/28 – Top Students and Ron Morse

5/30 – Kennebunk Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests that I recall or have in my notes. If I missed someone, I apologize.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Lynne Schott had a Rotary Moment but I was not able to hear over Zoom.

Announcements:

In Dave Preble's absence, George Rice had Lobsters for Scholars tickets ready to go if anyone needed more.

George also told us that River Valley would like a head count for their 100th Anniversary Celebration on May 19th. If you plan to attend, let George know so he can pass the info on.

Last Week:

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

After breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Curtis Cole who introduced MSAD 17 Superintendent Heather Manchester. Heather talked about the school district budget and how they are going to manage a \$1.04 million dollar negative impact as the state has shifted more of the burden of school funding to the towns and tax payers, resulting in an increase of 8.45% to the district. She then talked about how the school department is focusing on strategies, reductions in staff and other areas, reducing capital expenditures and repairs to the minimum necessary and uniting 2 schools into one.

Unfortunately, I had to leave the meeting so did not hear the rest of her talk, nor did I hear the results of the 50/50 or happy dollars. Sorry folks!

Funnies for the week:

My wife asked me if I ate the last pizza in the freezer. I said no. I ate it in the living room.

Our local blacksmith passed away recently, so I adopted his dog. As soon as we got home, he made a bolt for the door.

Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

John – since I had to leave before Happy Dollars, I will put one in for myself. I was very happy to have Glenn and Sharon Huntley as my guests last Tuesday and Wednesday. We spent Tuesday afternoon on the beach at Ft. DeSoto State Park where we were entertained by several dolphins passing by. Wednesday morning, we went to Heritage Village and the Walsingham Botanical Gardens in Largo.

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.

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.