



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, April 9, 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 – Beth Abbott
– President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Conner 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 99th day of 2025. There are 266 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. Warren Spencer 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:

9 – April Students of the Month and **Warren Spencer**

16 – Curtis Cole and **Lynne Schott.** Curtis’s guest speaker will be Superintendent of Schools, Heather Manchester, who will be talking about the administration’s preliminary MSAD 17 budget.

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**

Note:

I did not receive any minutes from last week's meeting, April 2nd, so this Reader is based on the notes I received for the March 26th meeting.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Kathi Perkins, our guest speaker from the Westbrook-Gorham club, was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests.

Announcements:

Stan announced that Community Concepts is hosting an event at the Oxford Fairgrounds in August and they want to rent all 5 of our tents, 4 20 x 40's and the 30 x 60 big top. More info and date to come.

Liz told us that we have 7 cases of cheese left to sell which equals 42 bricks. I'm sure David and Liz would like them to be gone!

Two Weeks Ago:

President Beth –led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Beth welcomed PP and PDG George back after his missing several weeks. Nice to see and hear you, George!

Our guest speaker was Kathi Perkins from the Westbrook-Gorham Club, here from the District Youth Exchange to discuss her experiences and to promote the Youth Exchange programs.

She has hosted several students over the years from Japan, France and Italy. It's a great opportunity to get knowledge about the US, as the students are here to learn about the US and we find ourselves learning as well. The smaller communities, neighbors, friends and family working together is a concept some of them are used to, but others are not.

There are currently 2 Exchange programs in the District. One is the traditional long-term exchange where the students arrive in August and spend the school year here. It is recommended club's have 2-3 host families as it's an easier ask for a 3 month host, and the students get to experience multiple family traditions and dynamics. We are having 6 outgoing students this year and so far only 2 incoming. It has changed so if a club sends a student out they don't necessarily have to host an incoming, as long as someone within the District does. The 2nd program is a short term during the summer so no school. An incoming student comes to the US for 2-4 weeks with a host family and then the host student returns to their country for a 2-4 week 'true exchange'. Kathi says it's a wonderful, rewarding experience, life changing for all involved. FMI you can contact Kathi Perkins or President Beth has more info available.

Puns for the week:

“My favorite song about allergies is ‘Blowin’ in the Wind’ by Peter Pollen Mary.”

“I was wondering why Waldo always wears stripes, but then I realized he didn’t want to be spotted.”

50/50 – Ron drew the 8 of Hearts, so the pot continues to grow.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Connor was happy spring has arrived.

Bob was looking forward to ski day #49 today

Preb was headed to ski day #36 today as well.

Kathi was happy to be at the OH Rotary Club today

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

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.