

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 101st day of 2024. There are 265 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the April 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.

April:

17 – Dave Preble and **Lynne Schott**. David's guest speaker will be Mary Freeman of South Paris. She and her husband own the lithium mine in Newry that has been in the news.

20 – District Assembly at Westbrook High School

24 – Jeff Noblin and **Bob Schott**

29 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM

May:

1 – Club Assembly and **Patty Rice**

8 – Students of the Month and **George Rice**

15 – George Rice and **Dave Preble**

18 – May Day Play Day and Touch-a-Truck, OHCHS from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

19 – Road Toll for Food Pantries on Fair Street by the tennis courts

22 – Patty Rice and **Jeff Noblin**

29 – Lynne Schott and **Ron Morse**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston talked about Friends of Kenya Rising and how much the organization has grown since we first started sponsoring our student. For more information, check out their Facebook page.

Announcements:

President Beth – reviewed coming events:

District Assembly on April 20 - at Westbrook High School from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. There will be many interesting sessions.

May Day Play Day on May 18 – along with Community Concepts' Touch-a-Truck.

Road Toll for food pantries on May 19 – in front of the tennis courts on Fair Street.

Bethel Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary on June 8 – Bethel is our parent club, hoping for a good turnout of Oxford Hills members. We will be looking for a suitable gift for them.

District Conference on the Isle of Shoals on June 29. Catch the boat in Portsmouth! More info coming.

Frank Shorey told us that he and Connie would not be coming home to Maine this summer as they are taking care of their daughter's cats, Chicklet and Necco, while she and her husband relocate to Beijing, China.

In response, *Dave Preble* reminded Frank that the Rays are 10 games behind the Red Sox. Frank replied that it was early in the season and to watch what happens.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. We have decided to stop singing on a trial basis to see if it is something we want to continue to do or permanently discontinue.

First on the agenda, Beth asked Terry Cole to come out from the kitchen to draw the winner of the grand prize from our calendar, and as luck would have it, Terry drew her own name! Can't beat that for luck!

Beth and Dan then reviewed a couple of things from the board meeting of April 1. The board discussed removing the Kiwanis sign on the sign boards coming into town. The Kiwanis sign is getting quite decrepit looking and, of course, the Kiwanis Club is no more. The board agreed that we should remove sign which will make ours more attractive.

Dan A. explained that while we traditionally have done road tolls for the food pantries and Polio Plus, at Bob's suggestion, we did do a couple of them for Ukraine relief. Since RI has a special fund for Ukraine relief, it was the consensus of the board that we should continue to do our road tolls for the food pantries and Polio Plus as we have in the past and let RI handle the Ukraine relief.

Dan also recognized Bob for his work in setting up the Road Tolls and making them happen. While the road tolls are not to everyone's liking, we have raised a lot of money from them through the years.

Beth thanked everyone for their efforts in selling the prize calendars. We made over \$3,000.00 which will pay for three scholarships.

Beth announced that the District Conference will be held on the Isle of Shoals on June 29th. It will be a one day conference with the boat leaving from and returning to Portsmouth. I believe I heard that it is a 1 to 1 ½ hour boat trip. Should be a fun day, especially if you have never been to the Isle of Shoals before.

50-50: Tally drew David K.'s number but David didn't draw the King of Clubs.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dave and Becky had a great trip to the Bahamas. However, Dave said that he put on 5 pounds during the trip due to the excellent food.

George has Lobsters for Scholars tickets available to sell. As usual, there are 150 tickets total with two drawings for 75 each, so two sets of winners.

Val and Bob also had happy dollars but they were too far away from the OWL for me to hear what they were.

Puns for the Week:

The other day, I ran into the guy who sold me a mini-globe. It's a small world.

And

Why do the French eat snails? They don't like fast food.

The Rotary Theme for April is the Environment:

We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

April Birthdays: George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike Morin – 4/26;
Michael (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 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.