

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 108th day of 2024. There are 258 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Mary Freeman from South Paris. She and her husband own the lithium mine in Newry. Lynne 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.

April:

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 – Oxford Hills Chorale Concert (tentative) 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 – George Rice and Jeff Noblin

29 – Top Students and Ron Morse

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Warren Spencer had a Rotary moment, but unfortunately, I could not hear what it was over Zoom.

Announcements:

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.

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. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

After breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Tina who spoke about the Student of the Month program. Dan A. introduced the freshman, Patty the sophomore, Tina the junior and Mike the senior. The student write-ups are on the last page of the Reader.

After the students and their guests were introduced, Dan gave a brief history of Rotary and the Oxford Hills Rotary club and what the club has done through the years.

50-50: Val's number was drawn but she didn't draw the yellow ball from the bag. There was \$54 in the pot.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Mike had a happy \$5 for the 60 or so students he is taking to Belize.

Patty had a happy \$5 as well for the eclipse – and that she is taking the glasses she had for viewing to Doe's in South Paris as they are collecting them to donate to South America for the eclipse there in August.

Dan had a happy \$1 for joining Rotary around this time of year in 1984 and he had \$4 for the students.

Bob said he has always wanted to go to Belize to see the ruins and reef, and he hoped Mike has a lot of fun there. He said he drove 2 hours from Stratton and then four hours back (I assume from camp) to see the eclipse. He said another eclipse is going to cross Iceland later this year. (The same one that is going to cross South America in August)?

Puns for the Week:

Someone stole my limbo stick. How low can you go?

Did you know that protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

The Rotary Theme for April is the Environment:

Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. They can see the effects of climate change in communities they care about, and they haven't waited to take action. They're tackling the problem the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy — and planning for the future.

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.

April 2024 Student of the Month

Theme: Creative and Critical Problem Solver: students who can think outside the box to figure out solutions to problems

Grade 9 - Peyton Lipscomb

Nominating Staff: Pete Doucette

Peyton is a hard worker in class. She is an organizer and motivator. She is always trying to be a problem solver in math class. The other day she was working with her group and was constantly redirecting them back to the work as they tried to get sidetracked. When there is a task at hand she is focused and helps motivate her peers.

Grade 10 - Rylie Lee

Nominating Staff: Ian Truman

Rylie works hard to improve her writing and thinking every day. She is engaged in every class, every concept we discuss, and she gives her all. We respect Rylie immensely. Rylie is always willing to share her work in class, work that she has given her best on.

Grade 11 - Cody Morang

Nominating Staff: Dan Gilpatric

Cody is always on time, polite and ready to be productive in class. The focus needed to be involved in the Forestry and Heavy Equipment Class is so important. Cody brings that focus in many ways; always willing to help, the first to volunteer, and he understands and displays his vocational training. I know when he moves into the job market, he will be a real asset to the company he chooses to work for. It is a pleasure to have him in class.

Grade 12 – Gabriel DosReis

Nominating Staff: Roland Godbout

Gabriel has created a senior project podcast which he has continued to go above and beyond to provide instruction in the everyday guiding to the students of OHCHS. Gabriel strives to be a positive role model and expresses the importance of being available for support for the people around him. Although he has well exceeded the requirements, he continues the podcasts due to receive praise from his peers. Gabriel also became certified as an instructor to teach and instruct persons and groups to safely administer Narcan (Naloxone) and recently provided training to Fryeburg Academy. Gabriel is member part of WMARI (Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative) which he serves as a volunteer.