



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
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 148th day of 2025. There are 217 days remaining in the year. Secretary John is program chair this morning and he has absolutely no idea what his program is going to be. Ron Morse 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 May:

5/29 – Bridgton-Lake Region Special Event with Mike McGovern, 5:00 PM – 7:00PM

5/30 – Kennebunk Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Celebration

Calendar for June:

6/2 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

6/4 – Club Assembly

6/6 – Senior Picnic, 9:00 – 1:00

6/11 – David Knox and David Knox

6/18 – Liz Knox and John Griffith

6/25 – Changeover and Tina Fox

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the Top Students from OHCHS, Principal Paul Bickford from OHCHS, Principal Randy Crockett from the OHCHS Technical School and SAD 17 Superintendent, Heather Manchester.

Rotary Moment:

We did not have a Rotary Moment.

Announcements:

Dave Preble – we have one more week to sell Lobsters for Scholars tickets. If anyone has some they can't sell, please get them to Dave or to another member who can sell them. We will be drawing the winners next (now this) week.

Tina and President Beth talked about May Day Play Day and Touch-a-Truck. Fortunately, the weather held off and we only had a minor shower and light drizzle on occasion. The event was a rousing success and according to Tina, we served 1000 hotdogs. Tina and Beth thanked everyone for their help and to the students who participated. We could not do this event without them.

Val received a note from PP Pat Cook's daughter that there will be a Celebration of Life for Pat on Thursday, June 12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 290 Maine Street, and the entire OH Rotary Club is invited.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After announcements and breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Principal Bickford who asked each of the students to come forward, tell us their name, the town they were from and what their plans were for next year. All of them had plans to attend college. Some of the fields of study were education, medicine, neuro-science and psychology. They are a very talented group.

Mr. Bickford also announced the schedule for graduation: Class Night on June 4, Canobie Lake Park trip June 5, Senior picnic June 6 and graduation at 7:00 PM on Saturday, June 7.

Funnies for the week:

I overheard Curtis ask George how much Patty usually spends on a bottle of wine. George said, “About 20 minutes.”

My girlfriend told me she thought we should stop seeing each other. I said, “Ok, tell me when can I look again.”

😊Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Curtis was happy to attend the River Valley Club’s 100th Anniversary celebration, telling the students that River Valley was our grandparent club. They sponsored the Bethel club and Bethel sponsored us.

Patty was also happy she and George attended the River Valley celebration, saying it was great to connect with former friends.

John had a happy dollar story, telling us about his Ride Source van break down last week and the fact that an Androscoggin County deputy sheriff happened by and transported John’s rider to her appointment, guaranteeing that he would get her there on time.

50/50 Drawing: Val drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the 9 of Spades, not the King of Clubs. I didn’t write it down, but I believe Stan said there was \$118 in the pot.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

May Birthdays: Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

May Anniversaries: Dan & Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 5/23

May Membership Anniversaries: Lynne Schott – 21 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 7 yrs. – 5/9; Mike Carter – 2 yrs. – 5/10

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.