

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
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**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**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."

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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 136th day of 2024. There are 230 days remaining in the year. George Rice was originally listed as program chair. However, when we thought the OHCHS Chorale was going to visit, I moved George to May 22. Now we need a program! Dave Preble 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](mailto: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.

## **May:**

**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**

## **June:**

**3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM**

**5 – Club Assembly and Liz Knox**

**8 – Bethel Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**12 – Lynne Schott and Dave Knox**

**19 – Bob Schott and John Griffith**

**26 – Changeover and Tina Fox**

**29 – District Conference at Isle of Shoals**

## *Visiting Rotarians and Guests*

Bruce Powell from Bethel was our visiting Rotarian. The May Students of the Month and their guests were our non-Rotarian visitors.

## *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter George Rice talked about the Rotary Foundation which supports humanitarian sustainable projects all over the world. He reminded us of EREY and that \$2 per week in happy dollars gets us there.

## *Announcements:*

*PP George Rice* – Don't forget to sell Lobsters for Scholars tickets. We need to sell all of them by the end of May.

*Dave P.* announced that this year's Cornhole Tournament is set for Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Paris Hill Country Club.

**May Day Play Day on May 18** – along with Community Concepts' Touch-a-Truck. Tina said that 24 Interact kids have signed up to help and that we have received a donation of water from Poland Spring.

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

**Bethel Rotary Club's 50<sup>th</sup> 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. Curtis Cole gave the invocation. She then turned the program over to Tina Fox.

Tina talked about the Student of the Month program, how the students are chosen and the rewards that they receive. Their write-ups are on the back page of the Reader.

**50-50: Connor's number was drawn but he didn't draw the yellow ball from the bag. There was \$84 in the pot.**

### *Happy and Sad Dollars 😊*

**Stan** had was happy for the students and their parents.

**Lynne** was happy to introduce the senior Student of the Month

**George** had congratulations dollars for the students and reminded everyone about Lobsters for Scholars tickets.

**Bruce Powell** was happy to bring greetings from the Bethel club and invited us to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Jun 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Dave P.** was happy to see Bruce Powell

**Bob** showed us the eclipse mugs he had made, he was happy for the 55 days of skiing he managed to get in this season and reminded us that tics are out!

**Curtis** had congratulations dollars for the students and thanked Tina for all the effort she has put into the program this year.

### *Pun for the Week:*

I'm going to do some mechanical work this weekend. I'm putting a rear end in a recliner.

As a child, I was forced to walk the plank. We couldn't afford a dog.

### *The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:*

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**May Birthdays:** Sharon (Glenn) Huntley – 5/1; Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

**May Anniversaries:** Dan & Nancy Allen – 5/21; Frank & Connie Shorey – 5/23 (60 yrs. but don't tell anyone).

**May Membership Anniversaries:** Lynne Schott – 20 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 6 yrs. – 5/9; Mike Carter – 1 yr. – 5/10

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Grace Note Inn, Bethel

[www.bethelrotary.org](http://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](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford

[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.

## **May Students of the Month**

THEME: Students who are Empathetic, Compassionate and Kind. The student serves as a shining example of empathy, compassion, and kindness in action. Their presence not only brightens the lives of those around them but also inspires others to cultivate these virtues in their own lives.

### **Grade 9 - Skyler Mack**

#### **Nominating Staff: Charlee Noble**

Skyler is one of the kindest students I have ever had. She never fails to make my day. Skyler will always say good morning, come over to my desk and ask about my weekend or how I am and have a conversation with me. She has the biggest heart. Skyler is one of my most hardworking students, always completing her work and asking for help when needed. I'm grateful to have had Skyler as a student and it has been a pleasure to see her grow academically and socially over the course of her freshman year. Skyler is also a student athlete, maintaining honor roll grades while participating in cheer as well as many other cheer events on the side.

Skyler is definitely one of my more shy and quiet students in class, but I recently saw her volunteering at the community show and she was a different person (in a good way)! She was an usher for all three of the shows, giving up her weekend to help, and did a fantastic job. She was chatting with adults from the community, being a leader in her role instead of just hanging back, and was so mature, professional, and personable while doing so. I couldn't have been more proud of her working so hard and pushing herself out of her comfort zone.

**Grade 10 - James Tedeschi****Nominating Staff: Kate McCarthy**

James is a conscientious, hard-working student. He puts forth his best effort into all of his assignments. James consistently shows respect for both his peers and teachers. His disposition and manners always impress me. He is a kind and considerate student.

**Grade 11 - Justin Davis****Nominating Staff: Amanda Cormier**

Justin is always willing to lend a hand to his peers when needed. He is a strong academic student, who goes above and beyond to support other adults and students alike. He is a joy to have in class. There is not just one incident that makes Justin special. He consistently shows compassion to others and has shown great empathy to others when they are in distress.

**Grade 12 - Nick Quillen****Nominating Staff: Michelle Roberts**

He always has a smile on his face when he greets people and is always helpful. When Nick was waiting for someone at the forum door, he opened the door for me both as I was leaving and when I came back inside! Nick enjoys school and the interactions with his teachers and his peers is always positive