

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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
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Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 143rd day of 2024. There are 223 remaining in the year. George Rice is our program chair this week and Jeff Noblin 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.

May:

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 50th 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

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Dave Preble talked about an article in the Rotary magazine – One week in the life of a teenager and how RYLA made all the difference in the world to them.

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.

Secretary John asked the club if there was any interest in doing a road clean-up. The past few years, we have cleaned the Lake Rd. from Crockett Ridge Rd. to the Lake Store and it has been very well received by the community. There was interest so John will look into it and make the arrangements, most likely to be held mid-to late June.

In the absence of PP George Rice, *Patty Rice* had tickets for Lobsters for Scholars if anyone needed more to sell. Also, if you have some you don't think you will sell, please get them to George or Patty.

PP George attended the meeting on Zoom briefly. He was injured taking down a tree at his and Patty's new home, breaking or cracking some ribs and receiving a large gash on his right arm. As Patty said, "he's a hurtin' puppy." We all hope George has a speedy recovery.

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 Mike Carter gave the blessing. She then asked David Knox to come to the front and ring the bell as he has finished his cancer treatments. Bob Schott presented him with a large toy fire truck, commensurate with his position as Fire Chief of the Town of Norway. Dave then received a huge round of applause from the club. Congratulations Dave!

We did not have a program, but spent our time with making final preparations for May Day Play Day and Touch-a-Truck. We are hoping for good weather and a great turn out.

50-50: Tally drew Dan's number but he did not draw the yellow ball out of the bag.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Jeff was happy that he and his wife, Dean, were able to go to the Biddeford-Saco Club's Fashion Show last week. They had a great time and said there was a good turnout.

Bob suggested selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets at May Day Play Day and having a sign-up sheet for people to put down their contact info if they think they might be interested in helping us with future events. Might be a way to get new members.

Dave P. had a happy \$5 for the Red Sox beating the Rays. His joy was somewhat tempered by the fact that Frank was not on Zoom. We figured Frank was playing golf somewhere. Dave also announced that he will be fully retired on June 21. With vacation time he has left, he has just 14 working days left. Lastly, he announced that his oldest grandson is graduating from high school on June 1 and in celebration, wants to go sky diving. The end of the story was that Dave is going skydiving with his grandson.

Mike was happy that he and the kids he took to Belize made it back safely except that one of the kids came home with a broken nose.

Puns for the Week:

I was in my library when a book fell and hit me on the head. I have only my shelf to blame.

I have a pet termite. I named him Clint.....Clint eats wood.

The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service:

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

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

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.