



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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 162nd day of 2025. There are 203 days remaining in the year. David Knox has double duty this morning as program chair and 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 June:

6/12 – Celebration of Life for PP Pat Cook at 290 Maine St., 4:30PM – 6:00PM. All Rotarians invited.
6/18 – Liz Knox and John Griffith
6/25 – Changeover and Tina Fox

Calendar for July:

7/2 – Ron Morse and Tally Decato
7/9 – Dave Preble and Curtis Cole
7/13 – Road Toll for the Food Pantries by the tennis courts, Fair St.
7/16 – George Rice and Mike Carter
7/23 – Patty Rice and Conner Burnam
7/30 – Bob Schott and Beth Abbott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

For her Rotary Moment, **Treasurer Liz** talked about the International Convention taking place in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from the 21st – 25th of June. According to the info in the Rotary magazine, there will be 440 ethnic groups speaking 165 different languages at the convention. She also talked about the National Cocktail of Canada, called the Caesar. It is a variation of a Bloody Mary consisting of vodka, Clamato juice, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce, served in a large, salted rimmed glass typically garnished with a celery stalk and a wedge of lime. It is typically unheard of outside of Canada.

Announcements:

Tina Fox talked about the Rotarian of the Year. We are later than usual getting started so will present the award at a meeting in July or August. Tina sent the nomination form via e-mail for members to complete and e-mail back to her, so check your messages. If you prefer to complete the form manually, please see Tina for one of the forms. Please remember that the last three ROTY are not eligible – George, Tina and John.

Tina, John and Beth worked at the Senior Class picnic on Friday, the 6th. The weather co-operated – in that it didn't rain – but was reasonably warm. We cooked and served hamburgers (with and without cheese) and hot dogs. Some of the teachers pitched in to help as well. Looked to me that everyone had a great time.

President Beth had a note from Dan Hart from Bethel wanting to know if we had any interest in attending a Sea Dogs game along with Bethel and Mountain Valley club members. He is looking at Thursday, July 10 or Sunday, August 14 as possible game days.

Beth also reminded us of the Celebration of Life for PP Pat Cook on Thursday, June 12, at 290 Maine St. from 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

PE Jeff reminded us that the District Changeover meeting will be a ride on the Songo River Queen out of Naples on June 18th, I believe starting at 6:00 PM. Might want to check with Jeff on that, but I am sure he will remind us again.

Jeff also said that Tiffany Leahy from the South Paris town office has asked for volunteers to cook hotdogs for a community cook-out at Moore Park on July 4th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. So if you are celebrating the 4th later in the day, consider helping out.

We have also scheduled a Road Toll for the food pantries on Sunday, July 13 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

We also discussed having a flea market/auction sometime in July or August. We have been contacted by an individual who has a friend selling their house and they do not want to take their furniture, etc. They would like the house cleaned out by the end of June. Potentially, we have other items that could be included. More to come on this.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the invocation. After breakfast, our meeting time was taken up with the announcements. PE Jeff also presented his list of officers for next year;

President:	Jeff Noblin
President-elect:	Conner Burnam
Vice-president:	
Treasurer:	Liz Knox
Secretary:	John Griffith
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Stan Brett
Past President:	Beth Abbott
Co-chairs of Membership:	Dave Preble and Warren Spencer
Club Administration (formerly Club Service):	Bob Schott
Club Service Projects (formerly Community Service):	Beth Abbott
International Service:	Val Weston

Jeff is still looking for a Vice-president who will serve as president during the 2027-2028 Rotary year.

Funnies for the week:

“I attempted to exercise this morning. Didn’t work out.”

“I was watching a hockey game the other day and realized that the corners of the rink are round. I guess if they were 90 degrees, the ice would melt.”

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

We ran out of time so no happy dollars last week.

**50/50 Drawing: Lynne drew Val’s number but Val didn’t draw the kind of clubs.
There was \$138.00 in the pot.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

June Birthdays: Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/21 or 6/22, she's in with 2 different dates!

June Anniversaries: George & Patty Rice – 25 yrs. – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 54 yrs. – 6/5; Charlie & Tina Fox – 38 yrs. – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 50 yrs. – 6/21

June Membership Anniversaries: John Griffith – 19 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 41 yrs. – 6/14

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.