**The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader**

** The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills**

**PO Box 14**

**Norway, ME 04268**

**Wednesday, June 18, 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.”**

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**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**

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***Good Morning and Welcome!* Today is the 169th day of 2025. There are 196 days remaining in the year. Liz Knox is program chair and John Griffith 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.**

***Calendar for June:***

**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.**

**7/14 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM**

**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:***

Dave had two pieces of advice – “Enjoy the day” and don’t forget to vote next Tuesday. Every vote counts and every election counts. If you don’t vote, don’t complain.

***Announcements:***

***Tina Fox*** – we have received enough nominations to choose the Rotarian of the Year. Thanks to all who submitted a nomination. George, Tina and John will meet to decide on the nominee.

***President Beth –*** an update from Dan Hart on the Sea Dogs game – it will be for the Sunday, August 3rd game at 1:00 PM. Seats are reserved in Dan’s section, cost is $20 per person. River Valley, Bethel and OH. Hopefully enough will sign-up to make it a go

***Dave P. –*** has a location for the Cornhole Tournament, Paris Hill Country Club, as it was last year. Dave is shooting for mid to late August for this and will need help soliciting for prizes. He will have more info coming.

***PE Jeff*** – don’t forget that the District Changeover meeting will be a ride on the Songo River Queen on June 18th, departing at 6:00 PM. Be sure to get there early to get a place to park.

Jeff announced that we have enough volunteers to help cook hotdogs at the Town of South Paris Family Day in the Park on July 4th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

A sign-up sheet for the Road Toll for the food pantries on July 13th was circulated and it looks like we have enough volunteers to hold the event.

Jeff also received an announcement that the incoming RI President has decided not to accept the position. Bit of uncertainty about that means.

Once more with feeling, PE Jeff presents 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.

***Last Week:***

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

David Knox was program chair. While he didn’t plan a program, he talked about the Norway FD and some of the things they do besides fight fires. For example, something most of us did not know, he checks fire and smoke alarms in homes and apartments and if someone does not have detectors, he has a supply and will install one at no charge. He also talked about checking fire extinguishers and changing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors among other subjects. All in all, he was very interesting and informative.

Lastly, Foundation Chair George presented stickers for EREY to Ron, Curtis, John and Lynne for achieving sustaining status.

***☺Happy and Sad Dollars****☺*

***Val*** had thank-you dollars for Dave P. for all the things he does for the club.

***Dave P.*** likes Jeff’s new proposal for membership. My notes aren’t clear but I wrote down marijuana and liquor??

***John*** proposed having a “meh” dollar for being neither happy nor sad. Seems he and Shelley had their bi-annual visit from Shelley’s cousin and family. Not happy or sad to have them come.

***50/50 Drawing: Dave P. drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the Jack of Spades. I didn’t note how much was 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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., Bridgtonn

[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, 2nd 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.

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