**The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader**

** The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills**

**PO Box 14**

**Norway, ME 04268**

**Wednesday, June 2, 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 155th day of 2025. There are 210 days remaining in the year. This morning is a Club Assembly. Liz Knox 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:***

**6/6 – Senior Picnic, 9:00 – 1:00**

**6/11 – David Knox and David Knox**

**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**

***Visiting Rotarians and Guests***:

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

***Rotary Moment:***

We did not have a Rotary Moment.

***Announcements:***

***Warren Spencer*** told us he received a call from Stan the night before asking him if he could fill in as Sgt. at Arms this morning as Stan was in the hospital over night after having a stent put in (unexpectedly) that afternoon.

***Secretary John*** forgot to announce at last week’s meeting that he has agreed to continue on as club secretary and Reader editor for the 2025-2026 Rotary year.

***Last Week:***

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. After breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Lobsters for Scholars chair, Dave P. Dave informed us that we sold a total of 86 tickets – 63 out of 75 for the first drawing and 23 out of 75 for the second drawing, far short of our goal of 150 total tickets. Dave asked for suggestions as to what we should do. No one seemed to indicate that they could sell more tickets, so Beth made a motion that we put all the tickets together and draw two sets of winners as that is what we have been telling people we were going to do, and the motion unanimously passed. When all is said and done, we should come away with about $2,500.00 which will provide 2 ½ scholarships. The winners were:

Drawing 1: Pat Payne – 1st prize

Bruce Powell – 2nd prize

Randy Crockett – 3rd prize

Drawing 2: Patty Cornell – 1st

Holly Young – 2nd

Dick Merrill – 3rd

As we still had time after the drawing, John shared some end of the year statistics about the club, sort of an annual review. As of June 1, we have 21 members, 6 women (28.6%), 14 men (66.7%), and 1 undetermined (4.8%). We have 10 members who have perfect attendance for 2024-2025. We had 29 members as of 7/1/22, 26 members as of 7/1/23, 21 members as of 7/1/24 and finally 21 members as of 6/1/25. Our highest number of members during those years was 33 which we reached in 4/23. Our attendance percentage last year was an average of 86% with 49 make-ups. Our highest membership attendance occurred twice – July 3, 2024 with 100% of members in attendance and again on April 2nd, with 100%. Our lowest was the meeting on September 11, 2024 with just 66% of members in attendance, which I believe we equaled just last week as we only had 11 attending. For years of service, we have 3 members with 1-5 yrs., 2 members with 6-10 yrs., 0 members with 11-15 yrs., 0 members with 16-20 years, 4 members with 21-30 yrs., 6 members with 31-40 yrs., and 6 members with 41-50 yrs. which works out to an average of 27 yrs. of service. For age, we have no members under age 29, 1 member between 30-39 yrs., 1 member between 40-49 yrs., 1 member between 50-59 yrs., 5 members between 60-69 yrs., and 12 members over age 70. One member does not know how old they are, which I am guessing is the same member that doesn’t know if they are male or female. (LOL!). This gives us an average age of 69 yrs., which is very telling and cause for concern.

***Funnies for the week:***

**A pun enters a room and kills 10 people. Pun in, ten dead.**

**Someone ripped the 5th month out of my calendar. I’m completely dis-Mayed.**

***☺Happy and Sad Dollars****☺*

***Dave P.*** had happy dollars for the club selling Lobsters for Scholars tickets. He had a happy dollar for it finally warming up, and was happy to give his grandsons the 2014 Hyundai that he and Becky picked up last fall with that in mind.

***Warren*** had happy dollars for Susan’s birthday tomorrow. He said that as a young man, he never envisioned going to bed with a 67 year old.

***50/50 Drawing: Dave drew Patty’s number but Patty drew the 3 of Spades. There was $129 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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