

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, June 5, 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.”

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 157th day of 2024. There are 209 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

June:

5 – Club Assembly and Liz Knox

7 – Senior Picnic – meet at 9:00 AM at Gouin Field

8 – Bethel Club’s 50th Anniversary

12 – Lynne Schott and Dave Knox

19 – Bob Schott and John Griffith

22 – RTOY and Year End Celebration at Evie Marshall’s house, North Pond.

26 – Warren Spencer and Tina Fox

29 – District Conference at Isle of Shoals

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Our guests were the Top Students from OHCHS and School Superintendent Manchester, OHCHS Principal Bickford and Technical School Principal Crockett.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Ron Morse told us how much he enjoyed being a member of this club and how being a Rotarian through the years has enriched his life in the friendships he has made.

Announcements:

Last Call for the Bethel Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary on June 8 – Bethel is our parent club. I understand we have a gift for them but I have not heard what it is at this time.

District Conference on the Isle of Shoals on June 29. Catch the boat in Portsmouth! More info coming.

Dave Preble – Cornhole is coming! Dave has set the date, Sunday, July 21, at Paris Hill Country Club from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As we have done in the past, there will be two divisions – Advanced and Back Yard! Dave left solicitation letters and a list of last year's donors for us to solicit again this year. Donations make up the prizes; we make our money from the entry fees. Dave would like all donations by our June 19 meeting.

President Beth – We will be having our ROTY and Year End Celebration at Evie Marshall's on North Pond on Saturday, June 22nd.

Beth also thanked everyone for their help with MDPD. We had 60 high school students come and help and owe them a huge debt of gratitude. We also thank the Casino for donating the food. We served over 500 hotdogs.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing.

After breakfast, PP George asked some of the students to help with the drawings for Lobsters for Scholars. The winners were: Dick Record – 1st, Norway Savings Bank – 2nd, Bruce Powell – 3rd. For the second drawing: Kelly Kiley – 1st, Terry Brown – 2nd, Jeff Preble – 3rd. Congratulations to the winners!

Principal Paul Bickford then came forward. He said a few words about the students who were with us, and then asked them to introduce themselves, who their parents are and their plans for next year. Without question, all of them are planning on continuing with their education. It is always a treat for us to have them join us.

50-50: We had a drawing but I didn't make note of it. I'm sure if there had been a winner, I would have. On to this week.....

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Dave P. had happy dollars for his grandson who is graduating high school this year and will be attending UMASS Amherst next year. He also noted that like a couple of our visiting students, his daughter went to Colby College.

Tina had \$37 happy dollars for hers and Charlie's 37th anniversary. She was also happy for the students being with us.

John had \$35 happy dollars to get to the EREY goal but also said they could have been very sad dollars after he "misplaced" the folder for Rotary attendance when he tried to do a computer back-up. He was not looking forward to recreating four years' worth of perfect attendance records. A few days later, while contemplating this misfortune, he accidentally opened a folder totally unrelated to Rotary and there was the folder containing the attendance records.

Bob was happy to tell us that he and Lynne are celebrating their 53rd anniversary on June 5th. He told us that he graduated from UMF and that if you want to confuse people, tell them that you have ridden your bicycle in Moscow.

Patty was happy for the students. She also said something about the Dover RC and Hampton RC but my notes aren't clear. I think one of them celebrated their 100th Anniversary.

Puns for the Week:

I went to the zoo and saw a baguette in a cage. The Zoo Keeper said it was bread in captivity.

After dinner, my wife asked me if I could clear the table. I needed a running start but I made it!

The Rotary Theme for June is Rotary Fellowships:

Do you have a hobby or passion you would like to explore with friends from around the world? Do you want to build community around your profession or cultural identity globally? Rotary's Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion or identity. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

June Birthdays: Nancy (Dan) Allen – 6/4; Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/21 or 6/22?

June Anniversaries: George & Patty Rice – 24 yrs. – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 53 yrs. – 6/5; Charlie & Tina Fox – 37 yrs. – 6/13, John & Shelley Griffith – 49 yrs. – 6/21

June Membership Anniversaries: Curtis Cole – 40 yrs. – 6/14

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.