

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."

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 – Dan Allen –
President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Connor 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 192nd day of 2024. There are 174 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Jerry Major who will be sharing some of his experiences in the auto racing industry. Curtis Cole 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.

July:

17 – Beth Abbott and Mike Carter

21- Cornhole Tournament at Paris Hill Country Club, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

24 – Connor Burnam and Connor Burnam

31 – Mike Carter and Beth Abbott

August:

4 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs, Hadlock Field, Portland, 1:00 PM.

5 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town office, 5:00 PM.

7 – Club Assembly and Val Weston

14 – Curtis Cole and Warren Spencer

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey was our visiting Rotarian. There were no other guests

Announcements:

President Dan: said that he would really like to bring back the auction in some form as they were successful for us for many years. He also would like us to look in to having a duck race. Dan also handed out the “Be Kind” bumper stickers he had made. He has plenty so hand them out to friends and family if you want.

Dave Preble – Cornhole Tournament is two weeks from Saturday, which is hard to believe. We now have four major sponsors – Stephens Memorial Hospital, Ameriprise Financial, Edward Jones and Oxford County Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep. Posters are ready so be sure to take some and hand them out. Bob Schott has also offered a 6 person rafting trip on the Kennebec as a door prize.

Last Week:

President Beth rang the bell for the last time as president and immediately passed the gavel to President Dan. Dan led us in the pledge, and in honor of Frank Shorey, the 4-Way Test in reverse. However, Dan got a little confused and started with “Will it build goodwill and better friendships?” rather than “Will it be beneficial to all?” We then sang “Happy Birthday” to Frank who celebrated his ??th on July 2nd.

For our program, Dan talked about his thoughts and plans for the coming year.

1. He reminded us that he wears hearing aids and doesn't always hear everything that is being said, so please have patience.
2. He wants to lead by example. He is enthusiastic about Rotary and wants us to be too. If you feel it, you will be so.
3. Meetings will be timely! He will ring the bell at 7:30 and expects to ring it again promptly at 8:30.
4. We would like to re-instate fines, so wear your pins, your badge and shut off your phone.
5. Speakers – if your turn, please introduce your speaker to Dan, and let your speaker know that they have 15-20 minutes to deliver their message.
6. Please keep Happy Dollars short especially if we are running short on time. Not the time to be long winded.
7. If we have a project, such as a road side clean-up, ask friends and family to join us. Might help us bring in new members.
8. Lastly, we must use and keep up our social media presence, keep it looking good and up to date.

50-50: PP Beth drew Mike Carter's number, but Mike did not draw the yellow ball. There was \$162 in the pot.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

PP George had a sad dollar, telling us that he just learned that past member, John Kendrick, had passed away a year ago. He was a past president and was very active in the club.

Dennis King was happy to be with us for a second week. Said he was not sure if there will be a third week with this visit, but he hopes to be back again later in the summer.

Patty was happy to attend the District Conference on the Isle of Shoals last Saturday. She and George made a weekend of it, staying overnight in Portsmouth before boarding the boat Saturday morning. They had dinner with PDG Brad Jett and his wife, Penny. She said 165 Rotarians attended and they had a great time.

Dave P. found out that past member and summer visitor Lois Wilgosz had knee replacement surgery recently which is why she is not here.

Puns for the Week:

I wish I knew who cut down all the trees in my yard. I'm stumped.

My recent flight was terrible. The couple behind me had quadruplets, four crying out loud.

July is Transition Month.

Each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service.

Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provides an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

July is also 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' Month

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

July Birthdays: Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dave Preble – 7/9; Connie Shorey – 7/17.

July Anniversaries: Mike & Jo Carter – 45 yrs. – 7/3; Warren & Susan Spencer – 41 yrs. – 7/23; Dave & Becky Preble – 38 yrs. – 7/26

July Membership Anniversaries: Frank Shorey – 40 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 37 yrs. – 7/22

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.