

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 199th day of 2024. There are 167 days remaining in the year. Beth Abbott is program chair this morning. Her guest speaker is Jen Kyllonen from the Pink Feather Foundation. Mike Carter 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:

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 and Barry Roderick from Orlando, Florida were our visiting Rotarians.

Announcements:

President Dan – reminded us that he has difficulty hearing so be sure to speak up. He also reminded us to turn off or turn down our phones. He has instructed our Sgt at Arms to fine us \$1.00 if our phone rings during our meeting – with one exception, of course for Chief David. (Jeff commented that he is glad Stan is Sgt at Arms and not Warren).

Dave Preble – Cornhole Tournament is shaping up, just a week and a half away. Obviously, we are hoping for good weather. Besides pre-registration, folks can sign up at the door. Posters are ready and need to be handed out, so please do.

Beth Abbott – doesn't seem to be a lot of interest in going to the Sea Dogs game this year. Tickets are \$15 and seats are in Dan Hart's section behind the Sea Dogs dugout. If not enough sign up, it will be cancelled.

Last Week:

President Dan led us in the pledge and the 4-Way Test, but not in reverse order. Mike Carter gave the invocation.

Program Chair Val Weston introduced Jerry Major, who is well known in the community, as is his wife. Val said that they are two of the busiest people she has ever known. Jerry told us that he has been involved in stock car racing since 1966. He worked for Bob Bahre at Oxford Plains for 25 years, from lining up cars, to flag man, to announcer, to track superintendent and driving the pace car. He also did track side interviews with Jeff Gordon and other NASCAR stars. One of the highlights of his career was going to the Daytona 500 and meeting Joe Gibbs.

50-50: Treasurer Liz drew Dave Preble's number, but Mike did not draw the yellow ball. There was \$170 in the pot.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Dennis King was sad to be going back to New Jersey later this week, but hopes to be back for a couple of weeks in August.

Val Weston had thank-you dollars for Jerry coming to talk to us this morning.

Ron Morse told us that his grandson had a wonderful wedding at his and Laura's home on the lake, thanks to Rotary for the tent and food.

Something reminded **Curtis Cole** about a certain client of Val Weston's closed on a house and came next door to Wheeler's to get insurance. This was back when Val's office was in Market Square.

Barry Roderick had congratulations dollars for Dan A. becoming President of the Club. He said they went to school together.

Bob Schott was happy that his hamstring was getting better.

PP George Rice had thank-you dollars for the club members who helped out at Ron's grandson's wedding.

Pun for the Week:

In school, I excelled at spelling bees, but the other words, I found to be more difficult.

Thought for the Week:

"If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun."

~ Katherine Hepburn ~

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.