

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 206th day of 2024. There are 161 days remaining in the year. Connor Burnam is program chair this morning. He also pulls double duty as 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:

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

21 – Tally Decato and Bob Schott

28 – Tina Fox and Lynne Schott

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Barry Roderick from Orlando, Florida was our visiting Rotarian. I believe we had another guest but I don't have the sign-in sheet and don't remember who it was. Sorry!

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Mike Carter talked about RI President Stephanie Urchik's article in the recent Rotary magazine which highlighted different things clubs can do to generate excitement among club members and their communities. It is also important for Rotary clubs to have a presence in their communities and use social media to help them do that.

Announcements:

President Dan – reminded us to turn off our phones or we will be fined. He also said that it is important to recognize good things that happen so he thanked PP Beth for all her help getting him ready to take over as president. He also recognized Stan and Preb for setting a tent on very short notice.

Dan is also having hip replacement surgery on Monday so he won't be leading the meeting this morning. We hope the surgery goes well and that Dan is up to his usual hijinks quickly.

Dave Preble – Cornhole Tournament was held on Sunday. In a text from Dave, he told me it went well but we have to attract more participants.

Last Week:

President Dan led us in the pledge and the 4-Way Test and Mike Carter gave the invocation.

Dan gave out perfect attendance awards to Connor Burnam, 1 yr., John Griffith, 17 yrs., Curtis Cole, 18 yrs., Lynne Schott, 19 yrs., Beth Abbott, 21 yrs., and Frank Shorey, 40 yrs.

Program Chair Beth Abbott introduced Jen Kyllonen from the Pink Feather Foundation. She gave a brief history of the Foundation which was founded in 2012 as a non-profit to help kids with new or gently used clothing and gifts. The Foundation relies entirely on volunteers to sort and inventory all of the clothes that are donated. They currently provide for 17 schools and have over 15,000 items on hand. Teachers play a major role in working with children in need. All of the items are on line, so teachers help the students pick out the things they like and need. Volunteers pick the items, package them and deliver them to the teacher to give to the student. Packages for middle and high school students go to the guidance office for the student to pick up. Everything is totally anonymous to the Pink Feather volunteers. Nothing is sold and no \$\$ is involved. At the conclusion of her talk, Jen was presented with our "Big" check for \$500.00.

50-50: Lynne's number was drawn, but she did not draw the yellow ball. There was \$180 in the pot.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Warren Spencer asked President Dan if he is going to remind us to turn our phones on after our meeting.

Barry Roderick was happy to be with us again and hoped all goes well with Cornhole.

Dan Hart had a happy \$5 for being with us again. Sea Dogs on Sunday, August 4th looks in doubt as there are 10 signed up from Bethel and 3 from Rumford, only half of what we need.

Patty Rice was happy to see Jen from Pink Feather. She and George had a fun visit with Jim Lilley Jr. and his wife Barbara, and with Dennis and Lorraine King.

Pun for the Week:

I know a girl who only eats plants. You've probably never heard of herbivore.

My neighbor passed away after being hit on the head by a cup full of coffee. At least, it was instant.

Thought for the Week:

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. -Mahatma Gandhi

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.