

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, July 3, 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."

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## 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 185<sup>th</sup> day of 2024. There are 181 days remaining in the year. This morning is our formal change over and Club Assembly. Tally DeCato is our greeter. e

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.

## July:

10 – Val Weston and Curtis Cole

17 – Beth Abbott and Mike Carter

24 – Connor Burnam and Connor Burnam

31 – Mike Carter and Beth Abbott

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Dennis King from Washington TWP, New Jersey, AG Michele Cole from Bethel, and in-coming AG Julie Forbes from Bridgton-Lake Region were our visiting Rotarians. There were no other guests.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Greeter Tina Fox gave a brief history of how Interact came to be. Rotary has always been involved with youth and in its early years was a big supporter of the Scouts, Boy's Club and other youth organizations. Interact was the culmination of this work and was started in 1962 and eventually incorporated middle and high school students between the ages of 12-18. We had 13 seniors in our club that graduated this year but we still have 64 students in the club.

### **Announcements:**

**Congratulations to George Rice** who was chosen as our Rotarian of the Year for 2023-2024. George was a charter member of the club and has held many positions in the club and district through these last 40 years. We had a nice get together at Evy Marshall's home on North Pond last Saturday night.

**Dave Preble** – still working on the Cornhole Tournament for July 21. Posters are being done this week but we can still take donations.

**President Beth** – Dan Hart has reserved 26 seats at Hadlock in his section for the Sea Dogs game on Sunday, August 4. We have invited the other clubs in Region 8 to join us.

### **Last Week:**

**President Beth** led us in the Pledge and the 4-Way Test. After breakfast and announcements, Beth turned the program over to Warren Spencer. Warren's guest speaker cancelled on him, but he gave an interesting talk on his hobby of carving wood. When he was a sophomore in high school, he was in a bad skiing accident that left him in a body cast for the better part of a year. He learned wood carving from a neighbor and has been carving ever since. He passed around several carvings and told us that the largest one he has done is in the Blaine House in Augusta.

**50-50:** Val drew AG Michele's number but Michele did not draw the yellow ball. There was \$151.00 in the pot.

## 😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

**Bob** gave one of his customers a bill and the customer said it wasn't enough, so he gave Bob an extra \$100. The customer's wife insisted on giving him another \$100 on top of that! Later, Bob discovered that another customer sent him a bonus of \$1000 through Venmo!

**Dan** had a happy \$13.00 to get to \$100 for the year but then Foundation Chair George told him that he met that goal last week.

**Dennis King** was happy to be with us again after not being able to visit for 3 years. It was great to see him!

## Puns for the Week:

I got fired from my job at the tennis equipment factory for being too loud. I was making a racquet.

If you're feeling lonely, you should start a small business. Then you'd have a little company.

## **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](http://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](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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.