



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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

Welcome! Today is the 227th day of 2024. There are 141 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair and Warren Spencer 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.

August:

21 – Tally Decato and Bob Schott

28 – Tina Fox and Lynne Schott

September:

3 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office

4 – Club Assembly and Patty Rice

11 – John Griffith and George Rice

18 – David Knox and David Preble

25 – Liz Knox and Jeff Noblin

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians on July 31st. Dennis King from Washington, TWP, New Jersey was with us once again on August 7th.

Rotary Moment:

We didn't have a Rotary Moment on the 31st nor do I have one written down for last week. However, PP George used the time to tell us about a fake e-mail going around purportedly from RI President Urchik asking members to purchase gift cards and send them to the address in the e-mail. Please be careful as this e-mail looks quite authentic.

Announcements:

George Rice: Sangkoo Yun from the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, South Korea has been selected as RI President for the 2026-2027 Rotary year.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Continuing with George, with the two Lobsters for Scholars events completed, we made \$5,500.00 with a couple of bills remaining to be paid. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fund raiser a success and a special thanks to all the members who helped George put them on.

Beth Abbott – in talking with Jen Kyllonen, Beth told us that the Pink Feather Foundation does have to vacate their current space. If they do not find something soon, they will have to store their inventory and close until they find a space. They need a minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. The vacant Dollar store next to Bessey's would be ideal but a deal could not be made. If anyone hears of a place, please let Beth or Jen know.

Last Week:

In the absence of President Dan, who is recuperating nicely from his hip replacement surgery, PE Jeff Noblin ran both the July 31st and August 7th meetings. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test both weeks. Mike Carter gave the blessing on July 31st and Curtis gave the blessing last week.

Mike Carter's guest speaker on July 31st was Elizabeth Hartford, Pantry Management Specialist for the Norway Food Pantry in the Ripley Building. Elizabeth told us that the pantry is not just about food, but is a complete support system for people, providing resources and social connections. She said that they work with the Alan Day Garden among other connections – Mainers feeding Mainers. They like to use as much local produce as they can but that most of their food comes from Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. They also like to provide as many healthy options as they can. Elizabeth said they work with the Western Maine Cancer Center for those who are struggling with food and medicine insecurity. They also have a Food is Medicine program, dealing with people who have diabetes and pre-diabetes, and they provide information on mental health, career information and indoor and outdoor physical activity. Lastly, the Pantry has seen a 62% increase over last year in the number of people they serve.

Our meeting on August 7th was a Club Assembly. PP George began by explaining the cheese wheel situation since Cabot has told us they are no longer going to make the cheese wheels we have been successfully selling the last few years. We can get 2 lb. bricks, but, apparently, they will be no different than what is commercially available in the super market. They can be boxed and we can get smaller deliveries so we don't have to go to Farmington and get the whole lot all at once. However, we don't have cost information at this time.

In other news, **PP Beth** told us that we will not be doing parking and admissions at the Fair this year because we don't have enough people to fill in all the slots. That was an easy fund raiser for us and is an unfortunate loss.

Lastly, we discussed setting a tent for WMARI in September for their annual Recovery Rally in Moore Park. They asked if we would consider giving them a discount, but it was decided to charge them full price as we have done in the past.

50-50 for July 31st: Liz drew John's number, but he did not draw the yellow ball. There was \$190 in the pot.

50-50 for August 7th: Lynne drew John's number (Wow, two weeks in a row!) but once again, John did not draw the yellow ball. This time, he missed out on \$203.00.

(ed: No worries folks, I've only won once in 17 years!)

😊Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

July 31st:

Bob was happy to be on the river again last Sunday after his ham string injury. His grandson went in his own kayak.

Patty announced that Frank Shorey would be joining us in person on August 14. She didn't say whether this is a happy or sad dollar.

August 7th:

Dennis King had happy dollars for being with us once again. Always nice to see you, Dennis.

Lynne had a happy \$20 for her grandson's 6th birthday. He had a grand time driving around in his battery powered Corvette.

Patty said that she and George attended the Celebration of Life for Irene McGrew in Bethel last week. It was a wonderful tribute.

Warren was happy that he and Susan drove their antique VW Cabriolet to the Acton Fair car show last weekend.

Dave P. had happy dollars for his weekend outing with Stan and Curtis, riding their ATVs from Houlton to Presque Isle and back. Curtis said it was 150 miles.

Puns for the Week:

I'm really upset. I just found out that my boyfriend has slept with Brazillian women. I don't even know how many a Brazillian is.

Someone stole my glasses, but I'll find them. I have contacts.

A famous art thief attempted to steal paintings from the Louvre in Paris but he was caught only two blocks away from the scene of the crime because his van ran out of gas. When the police found him by the side of the road, all the thief could say for himself was, "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the van Gogh. But I had to try stealing the paintings and making my getaway because I had nothing Toulouse!"

(Ok, I'm leaving now.....), ed.

The Rotary theme for August is Membership and New Club Development:

Something to remember when talking to people about Rotary: Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you'll:

- Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- Connect with other leaders who are changing the world
- Expand your leadership and professional skills
- Catch up with good friends and meet new ones

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

August Birthdays: Dean (Jeff) Noblin – 8/3; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27.

August Anniversaries: None found

August Membership Anniversaries: David Knox – 1 yr. – 8/2.

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.