

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.”

2023-2024 Officers:

Rotary International President: R. Gordon R. McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensbury, Scotland - District 7780 Governor: Marion Cheney, Rotary Club of Dover, NH – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott – President-Elect: Dan Allen – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: George Rice – Club Service Chair: Vacant – Vocational Service Chair: Dan Hart - Community Service Chair: Vacant - 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 228th day of 2023. There are 137 days remaining in the year. Ron Morse is our program chair this morning and George Rice is our greeter.

Calendar: *The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is greeter.* Please let Reader editor John Griffith John know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can reach John at 207-461-7158 or 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:

23 – Dave Preble and Dave Preble

30 – George Rice and Jeff Noblin

September:

3 – Cornhole Tournament at Ripley & Fletcher, Main St., South Paris.

5 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM, meeting Tuesday as Monday the 4th is

Labor Day.

6 – Classification Talk and Ron Morse

13 – Patty Rice and Liz Knox

20 – Lynne Schott and Glenn Huntley

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Our only guests last week were Lois Strauss Wilgosz, visiting Rotarian from Estero, FL, and her husband, Bob. We also welcomed back Frank Shorey. It was nice to see him in person again.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about how important it is for us to record our volunteer hours in the notebook or to e-mail them to George. Last year, club members donated 1800 hours of their time to Rotary and community projects. This is an ideal way for us to “Create hope in the World.”

Announcements:

Stan Brett – we have three tents to set, one on Friday (last) at Norway Brewing and two others next (this) week. I don't have the details but am sure Stan will give us the low down this morning.

Bob Schott – the flag and pole for Roy Earle has been installed. It will be flying the Marine flag as well as the American flag. Bob also built a planter to encircle the base of the pole which looks quite nice. Roy has not seen it yet as he is still in Norway Center recuperating from his stroke and fall.

Dave Preble – Past member Miranda Ward has been working on the poster for the Cornhole tournament which should be ready for distribution this week. Preparations are on-going and we now have \$2,000.00 in donations for prizes.

Tina Fox – will have sign-up sheets for Fair parking, so be sure to put your name down if you are able to help out.

I understand that Alisha Berry is going to take over recording our monthly volunteer hours from PP George, but I don't have info on when that change will take place. I assume that if that has happened and you send your hours to George, he will forward them to Alisha.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. PE Dan Allen led us in song and Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Beth presented David Knox with his new member kit and Rotary pin which she did not have last week when she inducted him into the club – due to the forgetfulness of the club secretary.

She also presented Frank Shorey with his 39-year perfect attendance award. Congratulations, Frank. Frank also received his sticker for reaching \$100.00 for EREY.

Program Chair Liz Knox's guest speaker cancelled at the last minute, but she came up with some team building exercises for us to do. It's nice to have a meeting where we can work on something together and have fun doing it. Unfortunately, I cannot scan things so am not able to include them with this Reader. If you want copies and the answers, I am sure Liz will share with you.

50-50: Frank drew John's number but John drew the Queen of Hearts. There was \$346.00 in the pot.

😊 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 😊

Val was happy to announce that she became a great-grandmother last Friday at 6:01 PM.

Frank had happy to be here dollars but also had a heavy heart that apparently Dave P. doesn't know how to dress appropriately. He also noted that the Red Sox are in last place.

Dave P. – was happy to see Frank and was happy to remind Frank that the Rays are no longer in first place.

Lynne was happy to spend the weekend with the grandkids again while the family got together and fixed hers and Bob's son's driveway which washed out in all the rain.

Lois said that yesterday was the beginning of her last year with her age starting in 7. She also noted that her husband, Bob, put in many hours raising money and prizes for the Cornhole tournament.

Pun for the week:

Is there anything worse than when it is raining cats and dogs? Yes! Hailing taxis!

*The Rotary Theme for the Month of August:
Membership and New Club Development*

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; Chris Summers – 8/17; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries: None listed

August Membership Anniversaries: None listed

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.