

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 225th day of 2023. There are 130 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble draws double duty today as both program chair and greeter. The stars aligned! Dave promises to deliver an interactive program on Cornhole.

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:

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

27 – Bob Schott and Dan Hart

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our only visiting Rotarian. Her husband, Bob Wilgosz, was her guest. Connie Shorey was the guest of Frank Shorey. Dan Hart joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter George Rice updated us on polio eradication as this coming October is polio month. Rotary has raised \$2.1 billion dollars and our club has donated \$35,000.00 to date. There have been 5 reported cases in Afghanistan and 20 in Pakistan, a bit of a backslide the last few years but the geo-political situation in both countries is not conducive to getting in to vaccinate.

Announcements: Because we did not have a scheduled program, our announcements became our program.

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 Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

Dave Preble updated us on the Cornhole Tournament. Looks like things are on track and we are hoping for a good turnout. We will need to set up the grill and plan to have hotdogs and hamburgers available. Maurice's will definitely be there with a beer garden. We talked about the need for tables and chairs, and I believe Liz said we could get some from the town office as we need a place for scorers and the prizes.

John talked about his mother who passed away on Friday, August 11, at the age of 105, and thanked everyone for their condolences.

We had an update on the Sea Dogs game on Saturday, the 12th. We had a good turnout and everyone had a

George brought up the cheese sales and the fact that we need someone to head up this project as Paul Thornfeldt is no longer a member. We will be ordering 1000 wheels to pick up in early November. George said that the Farmington club pre-sells theirs and they presold all that they ordered last year.

Lastly, George gave Val a sticker for her badge for reaching the \$100.00 EREY goal.

50-50: Lois drew Mike's number but Mike drew the King of Hearts, not the King of Clubs. There was \$358 in the pot. I think Stan said we were down to 17 cards remaining in the deck.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Frank said it was nice to be here for a couple of weeks and that he and Connie were heading back to Florida on Monday.

Dan A. was happy to be with us and that it was great to see everyone in such a positive, helpful and loving group of people.

Warren told us that Susan is in Florida and is driving back with their daughter and granddaughter.

Lois was happy for seeing all of her relatives and happy for Bob to be with her. It was also nice to see Phyllis back with us.

Joke for the week:

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon the other day. I will let you know.

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.