



Rotary

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

Welcome! Today is the 241st day of 2024. There are 125 days remaining in the year. Tina Fox is scheduled to be program chair, but has told me that she won’t be able to be with us due to today being the first day of school. Lynne Schott 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.

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

Dennis King from Washington, TWP, New Jersey visited for the last time this year. He is hopeful to be able to join us again next year. Natalie Donais from Suffield, Connecticut, was the guest of her father, Ron Morse. We were also happy to see past member Lois Strauss Wilgosz and her husband, Bob Wilgosz, from the Estero, Florida, Rotary.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Bob Schott talked about RYLA and told us that some districts offer RYLA up to age 28, so it is not just for high school sophomores.

Announcements:

President Dan: Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, as Monday, the 2nd, is Labor Day.

Dan also announced our next fund raiser – a Maine Lottery Scratch Ticket raffle. You may recall that we put a number of various scratch tickets in a frame and raffled it off. We did this a number of years ago and it was quite successful.

Lastly, Dan told us that he wants to start selling “good quality stuff” on line, such as Face Book Market Place as Paul Thornfeldt used to do for us. So, be on the lookout for things and if you have anything yourself that you would like to donate, please let Dan know.

Last Week:

President Dan led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. As we had already had breakfast and announcements, Dan asked Tally to introduce her guest speaker, John Williams, from the Chamber of Commerce.

John thanked us for the opportunity to speak to us again. He has now been with the Chamber for 25 years. In addition, he owns Williams Broadcasting and is an ordained minister. Talk about being busy! John talked about the challenges facing service organizations such as Rotary. In the last few years, we have lost the Lions Club and Kiwanis, with whom we used to do joint projects and fund raisers. It's not just service clubs that have had membership issues, but businesses are still struggling with work force and other issues post-Covid. Things are still in transition with more people working from home than ever before, and although workers have returned to the office, working remotely will continue to escalate as time moves on. It's become a generational change and we are finding that the newest generations don't look at work the same way that we used to. John believes that service clubs are still important and that the Chamber can help us. The biggest challenge we face is attracting new members. There are 350 member businesses in the Oxford Hills Chamber and the Chamber can help us connect with them as we are all in the same business and that is to serve our communities.

John invited us to attend the upcoming annual Chamber dinner at which he will set up a table for us to have a display and talk with people about Rotary.

50-50 – Lois Strauss Wilgosz drew Tally's number but Tally did not draw the Yellow ball. There was \$220.00 in the pot.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Dennis King was happy to join us once again and said he would see us again next summer.

Bob Wilgosz told us that he and Lois arrived safely from Florida and that he was very happy that Lois's two recent surgeries were successful.

Lois Wilgosz was happy to see everyone and said that she is celebrating her 80th birthday. Happy Birthday Lois!

Natalie Donais had a happy to be here dollar.

President Dan had a happy \$2 for the his recently referred customer.

Lynne Schott was happy for her new chair which was designed for a short woman. Her feet can now reach the floor.

Bob Schott was happy that Lynne was back on her own two feet.

Answer to last week's Riddle and a couple of Puns.

What has four letters, sometimes has nine and never has four? *The answer is "Yes."*

I just realized I don't consider cottage cheese to be a typical cheese. It's just a curd to me.

Someone threw a can of soda at me. Fortunately, it was a soft drink.

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 Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., 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.