

# The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader



The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
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**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

**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 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

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## Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 221st day of 2023. There are 144 days remaining in the year. Liz Knox is our program chair this morning and Patty 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](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.

## August:

**12 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs! Food available at 5:00 PM. Game starts at 6:00 PM.**

**16 – Ron Morse and George Rice**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Announcements:

Tina Fox – reminder about Oxford Fair parking. Will have a sign-up sheet available this week. The fair runs from Wednesday, September 13, through Saturday, September 16. We will be at the parking entrance to take the parking fee and at the ticket booth for admissions.

Update on the Sea Dogs game – we have 15 from Rumford and Bethel signed up to join us. No transportation, so will have to car pool and we should be there before 5:00 as that is when the food will be available.

Dave Preble – Cornhole Tournament planning is on-going. Prizes and sponsorships are coming in. We have a \$250 donation from Ameriprise (thank you, Warren) and a matching donation from Edward Jones (thank you, Joel Speakman). Maurice's Restaurant will take charge of permits for the beer garden and Valley View is donating Whoopie Pies. Dave needs to clear with Becky, but he is thinking of hosting a practice night at his and Becky's house on Norway Lake the night before.

John Griffith - for those who did not see the e-mail I sent out Sunday afternoon – I stopped at Norway Living Center to see my mother, and on the way out, I ran into Roy and Linda Earle sitting in the lobby. Roy had a stroke last week and had a bad fall as a result. He was released from the hospital to the nursing home on Saturday. He is not paralyzed and his speech is normal, but he said his right side is weak and that his hand and leg don't always do what he wants them to do. He is starting PT this week.

**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.

David Knox was inducted as our newest member. We all know David very well and are extremely pleased that he decided to take the plunge and become a member.

Mike Carter gave his classification talk as our program. He said he grew up in Whitefield, Maine, in a home with no indoor plumbing or electricity. While his family didn't have much, they were faithful church goers and went five times a week. Mike said he always wanted to be a teacher and after graduating from high school, he attended Farmington State College with his bachelor's degree. He met his wife at Farmington, got his Master's degree in history along the way and started teaching in West Palm Beach, Florida. Finding that life in West Palm Beach was not to their liking, he and Jo-Ellen came back to Maine and settled in Van

Buren. Mike then took a history position at Gorham High, where he spent 13 years, and then at Poland Regional for 25 years. He still teaches a class at Poland on a part-time basis. Mike said he started at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational in 2005 as a fill in pastor. Upon the retirement of Rev. Mayberry, the church asked him to step in as interim pastor, and since July of 2022, he has been with the church full time. He became interested in Rotary because of our community service focus, and has found the 4-Way test particularly meaningful. As he said, the world would be in a better place if everyone followed it.

**50-50: Warren drew Val's number but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$336.00 in the pot.**

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Dave** was happy to announce that Jeff said that Stephen's Hospital would be a sponsor for the Cornhole Tournament. He also told us that with Frank Shorey coming next week, we all needed to wear our Red Sox gear.

**Bob** had a Happy Birthday to his grandson, Skylar.

**John** had several happy and one sad dollar. The sad dollar was for it already being August 2<sup>nd</sup> and having a morning temperature of 47 degrees. He was happy that Shelley's cousin and family from Virginia came and left in early July. He had happy dollars for the weekend he and Shelley spent with their daughter-in-law's parents at their camp in Alexander and that he and Aimee's dad went to Campobello. Lastly, he was happy for the fun time he, Shelley, Dan, Brandi and the kids spent at Santa's Village last weekend.

**Curtis** talked about the membership drive and welcomed Dave Knox as a member.

**Dave Knox** had a thank-you dollar for our accepting him as a member.

### Pun for the week:

"I paid \$300.00 to rent a limo but that didn't include the driver. All that money and nothing to chauffeur it."

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

Join Rotary's 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

## **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](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.