



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 255th day of 2024. There are 111 days remaining in the year. John Griffith is program chair this morning and George Rice is our greeter. The speaker John had in mind could not make it this week, so one thing we always seem to enjoy is telling something about ourselves. John has two questions to think about: 1) since summer is over for all intents and purposes, what is one summer memory that you would like to share – recent or in the past – and 2) what is your most embarrassing moment.

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:

18 – David Knox and Jeff Noblin

25 – Liz Knox and Ron Morse

30 – Board meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

October:

2 – Club Assembly – Liz Knox

9 – Ron Morse and David Knox

16 – Jeff Noblin and John Griffith

23 – Dave Preble and Tina Fox

27 – Road Toll by the tennis courts, Fair St.

30 – GeorgeRice and Tally Decato

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Lois Strauss Wilgosz from Estero, Florida and her husband, Bob, were our guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Patty Rice talked about the Rotary Theme for the year, the Magic of Rotary, and the monthly themes, with September being Basic Education and Literacy Month. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population.

Last Week:

President Dan led us in the pledge and 4-Way Test. He asked Connor Burnam to come to the front and presented him with his 1-year Perfect Attendance award.

Our program was a club assembly. Treasurer Liz Knox told us that we are holding our own financially. Our Edward Jones account increased by \$1,500.00 last month due to the rise in the stock market. While discussing finances, Bob Schott suggested we get a Venmo account as it does not cost anything and would give us another way to accept payments.

Community Service Chair Beth Abbott told us that October is 1st Responder's Month. She would like us to honor all 1st Responders, police, fire, dispatchers, ambulance, State troopers, sheriffs, etc., by bringing pizza, donuts, Subway, etc., to them and thanking them for their service – Norway, Paris, Oxford..... Beth also told us that she is working with the Masons to have a Cruise-in at the Veteran's Home in South Paris in the spring.

PP George Rice – Cabot Farms is no longer making cheese wheels. However, they do have 3 pound bricks that we can get. They come in a box so we will be able to put our labels on them as we did with the wheels, and they will deliver to South Paris. George suggested getting a smaller amount to see how they go; then we can always order more. Price will be \$25, which compared with \$18 for 2 pounds, is a better deal.

President of Tents Stan Brett said we have 2 more tent sets for 3 tents at the end of September. One is for the electric car exhibition and the other is for WMARI at Moore Park. We also have the small tent set at Bear Mountain Inn which is giving us \$125 per week for 11 weeks. Stan has been over to check on it a few times and has had to repair one pole. **As Sgt. at Arms,** Stan asked that we try to bring correct change for breakfast. With fewer members now, it makes it difficult to make change if everyone pays with a \$20 bill.

President Dan has the Lottery Scratch Ticket Raffle ready to go. First prize is \$350.00 worth of scratch tickets; second prize is \$200.00 worth of tickets and third prize is \$100.00 worth. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. The drawing will be at our October 30th meeting. We have 1,000 tickets to sell so see Dan to get yours.

50-50 – Patty drew Val’s number but Val didn’t find the yellow ball. There was \$235.00 in the pot.

😊Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Lynne was happy to have 3 of her 4 grandchildren with her over the weekend. She was especially pleased that one granddaughter helped her make breakfast.

Jeff was sad that Boston College embarrassed Florida State.

Ron was pleased to announce the birth of his 3rd great-granddaughter.

Bob Wilgosz was sad that Lois spent some time at Stephen’s Hospital last weekend but is ok now. He was very complimentary to the hospital and the staff and said we are lucky to have such a fine hospital in the community.

George was happy to present Val with her sustaining member sticker for reaching the \$100 goal.

John spent last Thursday and Friday in New Hampshire with his grandson, Zachary, as his parents went to New Jersey for a wedding. John then said he made the mistake of leaving at 3:30 on a Friday to head home, not thinking of it being the start of Labor Day weekend. It took him 2 hours to get from the Hampton toll to Biddeford, so he got off there and made his way through Buxton, Standish, Gorham, Windham and Gray to get to 26 and home.

Bob Schott brought in one of the new PFD’s the club helped him purchase for the Moxie Gore Paddling Club.

Pun and a Riddle for the Week:

My friend in Quebec is a heavy drinker. In fact, he drank Canada Dry.
What do T-Rexes eat on their pancakes? Why tri-syrup-tops, of course.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

~ Nelson Mandela ~

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

September Birthdays: Jo (Mike) Carter – 9/3

September Anniversaries: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 38 yrs. – 9/20; Chris and Val Weston – 24 yrs. – 9/23.

September Membership Anniversaries: Beth Abbott – 22 yrs. – 9/11

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.