

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 270th day of 2023. There are 95 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is our program chair this morning and Dan Hart 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 text or call 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.

October:

1 through 8 – Fryeburg Fair – Anyone helping out at the Fryeburg Club booth?

2 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

4 – Classification Talk and John Griffith

11 – Warren Spencer and Tina Fox. Warren’s guest speaker is Dr. Stephanie Long, Breast Cancer specialist and general surgeon from Stephen’s Memorial Hospital.

15 – Road Toll by the Tennis Courts, OHCHS.

18 – Chris Summers and Tally Decato

25 – Val Weston and Curtis Cole

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lois Strauss from Estero, Florida was our visiting Rotarian and her husband, Bob Wilgosz was her guest. Frank Shorey joined us on Zoom.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Glenn Huntley talked about his years as a member of OH Rotary and how much he has enjoyed the fellowship and friends he has made through those years and all that Rotary has done for him and our communities.

Announcements:

Tina – a big thanks to all that helped with the Oxford County Fair parking and admissions booth. Everything went well. We also had 34 hours of student help. We could not have done this without the students.

President Beth – the Harrison Food Pantry van has gone kaput, so at the last board meeting, the board voted to donate \$1,000.00 to them towards the purchase of another van. They also received a grant of \$20,000.00 so are now actively looking for a replacement.

PP George announced that this weekend is the last Lobsters for Scholars event.

Stan – we have one tent, possibly two, to set for the electric vehicle event at OHCHS.

Last Week:

President Beth led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. PE Dan Allen led us in singing “if you’re happy and you know it,” and Glenn Huntley gave the blessing.

PE Dan Allen was Lynne’s guest speaker. Dan talked about his Rotary experiences and that he has now reached a point where he felt comfortable taking on the job of President next year. While he spends weekends living on the coast and considers himself semi-retired, he spends 3-4 days per week in the Oxford Hills. He told us we are a small but tremendous club and stand out in the District for all that we do. He wants to bring his enthusiasm for Rotary to us during his year as president. Dan said his theme for his year is “Be Kind” – Kindness 101. “A kindness a day keeps the blues away.” To that end, and to promote the club, he is going to ask the board for permission to design and distribute a “Be Kind” bumper sticker for us to put on our cars with the goal of promoting the club. He also asked us to complete a brief survey that he passed out.

50-50: Lois drew Conor's number and Conor drew the King of Clubs, earning himself \$404.00.

😊 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 😊

Lynne had happy dollars for everything and everyone coming together to have the family Lobsters for Scholars dinner over the weekend.

John was happy to say that he is going to make it to the Hershey car meet the week of the 1st so he will need someone to take notes for the Reader on the 4th.

Glenn said he owed an apology for the Covid experience. He and Sharon did home test kits and both tested positive but when he had a test at the doctor's office, it was negative. It seems that he and Sharon mis-read the instructions for the home tests.

Dan A. was happy that the club was kind enough to listen to him. He challenged everyone to take some time to be kind to someone. He also said he wouldn't be here next (now this) week due to his having some work done on the nerves in his back that he hopes will give him some pain relief.

Did You Know:

Nomophobia, short for "no mobile phone phobia," is the fear of being without your cell phone or being out of mobile device contact.

Lather up! One third of the world's soap is used in the United States.

Lightning strikes about 100 times each second with about 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the Earth's surface at any given time.

The Rotary Theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy.

"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

~ William Butler Yeats ~

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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

September Anniversaries: Stan & Ann Marie Brett – 9/20; Chris & Val Weston – 9/23

September Membership Anniversaries: Beth Abbott – 21 yrs. – 9/11; Jeff Noblin – 22 yrs. – 9/11;
Patty Rice – 31 yrs. – 9/23

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.