



Rotary

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.”

2025-2026 Officers:

Rotary International President: Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy - District 7780
Governor: Emma Bodwell, Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Jeff Noblin
– President-Elect: Conner Burnam – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith
– Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Administration Chair: Bob Schott
Service Projects Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Valerie Weston – Youth Service & Interact Advisor:
Tina Fox

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 119th day of 2026. There are 246 days remaining in the year. Patty Rice is program chair this morning and Lynne Schott is our greeter. Patty’s guest speaker is Jill Lathan, the new Norway Town Manager.

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 207-4617158 or e-mail at huick663speed@yahoo.com. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

The Rotary Theme for April is Maternal and Child Health!

Cervical cancer prevention

In Sri Lanka, Rotary members collaborated with the ministry of health to support policy change and improve cervical cancer screening protocols. They advocated for HPV vaccination which is now part of the national immunization program.

Calendar for May:

4 – Board Meeting at Harper Conference Center, 5:00 PM.

6 – Lynne Schott and Patty Rice

13 – May Students of the Month and George Rice

20 – Bob Schott and Dave Preble

27 – Top Students and Ron Morse

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

We didn't have any visiting Rotarians. Billie Rae Koch, Jen King and David Bernard were the guests of Dave Preble.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Bob Schott asked two questions: What happened 121 years and a few months ago and what happened 22 years ago? Rotary was founded 121 years ago and Rotary District 7780 members remodeled the Litchfield, Maine historical society space in the basement of the Litchfield town hall 22 years ago. He stopped in and only found three pieces of Rotary memorabilia.

Announcements:

President Jeff asked if anyone was able to attend the roadside clean-up on Saturday. Bob said he showed up at 7:50 and waited until 8:15 and no one showed up. Curious!

We still have 150 cheese bricks to sell. Please try to get the rest of them sold.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge, 4 -Way Test and the blessing. After breakfast, Jeff turned the podium over to Dave Preble who introduced his guests – speaker David Bernard, Billie Rae Koch and Jen King, current administrator of Hebron Academy. David Bernard has over 30 years of experience in the fields of environmental science, policy, planning and education, specializing in Ecosystem Science, Sustainability and Systems Modeling. His consulting practice, Wicked Problems Tamed, focuses on institutional and environmental challenges related to managing large, regional-scale environmental systems and associated conflicts. Dave also talked about the problems of nature vs. people regarding sustainability science and applied disciplines. He said Rotary can be a leading voice of global sustainability. In closing, he said many people join historical societies but what about Future societies?

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dave P. was happy to have spent the last week in the Florida Keys.

Patty was happy that she and her sister-in-law were able to do roadside clean-up on Alpine and Cottage streets. She said she wasn't sure about the "sustainability" of her hips to continue doing this on a regular basis.

Warren was happy to be feeling better after his bout with walking pneumonia.

Tina was excited to see everyone this week as she usually comes in early to set up Zoom and has to leave to go to school. (Thank you, Tina, for doing this for us). Tina was also happy that Interact had a successful clean-up day on Peaks Island with 23 Interactors from the Kennebunk and Oxford Hills High schools.

50/50 – Val drew Ron's number but he drew the King of Spades, not the King of Clubs. There was \$158 in the pot. Jeff presented Ron with a consolation prize of chocolate covered expresso beans.

Puns for the Week:

The kid at the grocery store kept asking me if I wanted paper or plastic. I told him I didn't care and he could decide. He refused. He said baggers can't be choosers.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

Anniversaries: Jeff & Dean Noblin – 25 yrs. – 4/21

Membership Anniversaries: None found

Make-Ups:

Bethel – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn Resort in the Terrace Area of Millbrook Tavern, 21 Broad St., 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.