



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

**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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### **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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 126th day of 2026. There are 239 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair this morning and Patty Rice 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 207-4617158 or e-mail at [buick663speed@yahoo.com](mailto:buick663speed@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.

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### **The Rotary Theme for May is Youth Service**

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

#### **Interact clubs**

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.

## *Calendar for May:*

**11 – Board Meeting at Harper Conference Center, 5:00 PM. (rescheduled from May 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**13 – May Students of the Month and George Rice**

**16 – May Day Play Day & Touch a Truck, OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**17 – Road Toll for OHCHS Chorale trip to Carnegie Hall, by the tennis courts, OHCHS, 10:00 AM**

**20 – Bob Schott and Dave Preble**

**27 – Top Students and Ron Morse**

**29 – 31 – District Celebration – Bridgton area**

## *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

Our guest speaker, Jill Lathan, Norway Town Manager and Regina Wilson, Norway Branch Manager of Oxford FCU were the guests of Patty Rice. Matthew Lavalley, hockey coach at Hebron Academy, was the guest of Dave Preble. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

## *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Lynne Schott gave us an update on polio eradication. There are still two countries where polio is present, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## *Announcements:*

*Several members* have sold cheese this past week. Please keep selling! Contact Liz or Dave Knox to get a supply. You just need to ASK to sell.

*Dave Preble* has Lobsters for Scholars raffle tickets and posters ready for distribution. New cost structure this year: 1 for \$40, 2 for \$75 and 3 for \$100. Hopefully, this will be an incentive for people to buy more. Dave said even if you don't "see" people, please reach out with a copy of the flyer via social media or e-mail contacts and ask if they'd like to help support our scholarship program. We have four weeks to sell with the drawing at our meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. See Dave for tickets and more info.

## *Last Week:*

PE Conner Burnam led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Warren Spencer gave the invocation.

Patty Rice was program chair. Her guest speaker was Jill Lathan, the new town manager for Norway. Jill shared that she is guided by two core values – accountability and integrity. These values are applied in both her personal and professional lives. She has an extensive background in public service and public works and

is excited about this next step in municipal service and knows it will be challenging, will take a lot of work and commitment from everyone. She feels she'll be the Captain of the Ship, and we all need to row together. She quoted Simon Sinek as saying "Leadership is not about asserting power or being in charge. It is about serving others and taking care of those in your charge." Jill lives in Portsmouth, NH, with her wife and son.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Dave P.** was happy to have Matt Lavallee as his guest, and he also told us that Matt is a scout for the Montreal Canadiens hockey team.

**Bob Schott** showed Jill Lathan some footwork as part of his start to train her to ski. He said Larry Todd, former town manager, was a ski instructor 35 years ago at Mt. Abram. Bob also announced that the Moxie Gore Paddling Club was the only rafting club in Maine and on May 26<sup>th</sup> they will be having their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting at 12:00 noon at the Norway Brew Company.

**50/50 – Lynne drew Val's number but she didn't draw the King of Clubs. Conner presented her with a consolation prize. There was \$172.00 in the pot.**

### *Puns for the Week:*

**What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila mockingbird.**

**Never discuss infinity with a mathematician. They can go on about it forever.**

### *May Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**Birthdays:** Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

**Anniversaries:** Frank & Connie Shorey – 62 years – 5/23

**Membership Anniversaries:** Lynne Schott – 22 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 8 yrs. – 5/9; Mike Carter – 3 yrs. – 5/10

## **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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., 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.