



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 147th day of 2026. There are 218 days remaining in the year. This morning, Warren Spencer is program chair and Ron Morse 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 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 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.

Rotary clubs can energize and inspire young leaders age 12 to 18 through service and encourage them to become engaged global citizens by sponsoring Interact clubs.

Calendar for May:

29 – 31 – District Celebration – Bridgton area

Calendar for June:

3 – Top Students and **Liz Knox**

10 – Val Weston and **David Knox**

17 – Beth Abbott and **Rob Gunter**

24 – Changeover and **John Griffith**

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Dale Pierce from Lake Region Awards and John Williams from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce were guests of the club.

Announcements:

President Jeff – it's not too late to sign up for the District Conference, May 29-30. You can register on-line. The Cornhole tournament for Saturday afternoon the 30th is on track. We need to round up some more boards and prizes.

From **Bob Schott**, the road toll for the OHCHS Chorale's trip to Carnegie Hall raised \$1,820.20. Bob thought we should round up to \$2,000.00 so he passed the hat around and we did reach that amount.

Dave P. – we have one more week to sell the remaining Lobsters for Scholars tickets with the drawing scheduled to take place at this week's meeting.

We have received notification from the District leadership that they are considering a merger with District 7850 which covers New Hampshire as well as parts of Vermont and Quebec. This is something each club will have to vote on. The combined district will get a new district number with the change coming for the 2029-2030 Rotary year.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

After breakfast, President Jeff introduced our special guests, Dale Pierce and John Williams. Dale and John have been instrumental in the success of the Oxford Hills area for many years. Dale has been a big supporter of the Club, donating plaques for the Student of the Month program since he purchased Lake Region Awards from the Rubly's who are former members of the club. John has been the Director of the Chamber of Commerce for many years and has always been a big supporter of this club. We were pleased to present Dale and John with Paul Harris Fellows as outstanding members of the Oxford Hills community.

Dennis Boyd and one of the chorale members, whose name I don't have, came in to thank us for holding the road toll. President Jeff tried to present them with "the big check" but technical difficulties prevented that from happening. However, Dennis was just as pleased to accept a check from Treasurer Liz. He said that it would go a long way towards helping with the trip to New York.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dennis Boyd was thrilled to be with us.

Lynne was happy to be here and for spending the weekend with her grandchildren.

Bob thanked all who helped with the Road Toll.

John Williams said he was very honored to be with us and to receive his Paul Harris award.

50/50 – John G.'s number was drawn but he drew the 10 of Clubs. There was \$192 in the pot.

Pun for the week:

I was best man at my brother's wedding in Paris, France. At the reception, I raised my champagne glass and said, "Eggs, cinnamon, bread and maple syrup." It was a French toast.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

Anniversaries: George & Patty Rice – 26 yrs. – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 55 yrs. – 6/5; Charlie & Tina Fox – 39 yrs. – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 51 yrs. – 6/21

Membership Anniversaries: John Griffith – 20 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 42 yrs. – 6/14

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.