



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: Bob Schott - 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 168th day of 2026. There are 197 days remaining in the year. Beth Abbott is program chair this morning and Rob Gunter is our greeter. Beth’s guest speaker is Ryan Richie who will be talking about Mainely Wishes.

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. 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 June is Rotary Fellowship

A Rotary Fellowship must be organized internationally by at least 25 individuals from five countries with the purpose to further friendship and build community around a shared passion and interest. A Fellowship helps participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country. Any interested individual, regardless of Rotary affiliation is welcome. Fellowships provide fun and diverse ways of participating in Rotary International.

Calendar for June:

24 – Changeover and John Griffith

29 – Board Meeting at the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

Calendar for July:

1 – Mike Carter and Tina Fox

8 – Curtis Cole and Curtis Cole

15 – Tina Fox and Mike Carter

19 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs

22 – John Griffith and Beth Abbott

29 – Rob Gunter and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

Announcements:

We had three business items to take care of before breakfast. We voted on the slate of officers for the 2026-2027 Rotary year. A bit late but done. The following officers were elected:

President: Conner Burnam

President-elect: Bob Schott

Vice-president: Vacant

Treasurer: Liz Knox

Secretary: John Griffith

Past President: Jeff Noblin

Club Service Director: Beth Abbott

Community Service Director: Bob Schott

International Service Director: Val Weston

Youth Service Director: Tina Fox

Sgt. at Arms: Stan Brett

Acting on a motion by George Rice and seconded by Patty Rice, we voted to approve the merger of our District, 7780, with District 7850. The reason for this merger is a loss of members which makes the clubs in each district stronger working as one with more talent to draw from. Instead of two smaller districts, we will have one district of over 2,000 members.

We also had to submit our vote for one of the two candidates for the Zone 32 member of the 2026-2027 Nominating Committee for President of RI for 2028-2029. On a motion of Patty Rice and as second by Warren Spencer, the club voted to support Brenda Cressey from the Ogunquit club.

Dave Preble – Rotarian of the Year forms have been e-mailed to all members but there are hard copies on the back table if you prefer to use the “manual” method. Dave would like to have all nominations in by the end of this month.

Dave also reported that both Lobsters for Scholars winners have set dates for their lobster dinner. The first one is set for Saturday, June 27, and the second one is set for Saturday, July 18. Both are taking place in Norway, so not much travel involved. Dave is looking for help so speak to him for more details.

The Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, from noon til finish at Paris Hill Country Club.

Last Week:

PE Conner presided at the meeting in the absence of President Jeff. Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After breakfast, Mike presented a program on the OHCHS trip to Rome, Florence and Greece. There were 27 students and 11 chaperones on the trip. They left Portland on a 5:15 AM bus and flew from Boston to Montreal (as they were flying Air Canada) and after a 10 hour layover in Montreal, flew from there to Rome, arriving at 9:15 AM in Rome. Interestingly, they immediately started touring and did not go to their hotel until later in the afternoon. Apparently, it is easier to get used to the time difference by doing this. From the pictures, it looked like everyone had a great time.

☺ Happy and Sad Dollars ☺

We didn't have time for Happy Dollars.

50/50 – Patty drew John's number but John drew the Jack of Diamonds. There was \$215.00 in the pot.

Funnies for for the week:

My family wanted me to get help for my drinking, so I hired a bartender.

Remember, any pan can be a non-stick pan if you non-cook in it!

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.