



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, January 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of 2026. There are 358 days remaining in the year. Lynne Schott is program chair this morning and Bob Schott 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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### **Calendar for January:**

**5 – Board Meeting at the Harper Conference Center 5:00 PM**

**7 – Lynne Schott and Bob Schott**

**7 – Charitable Foundation Board Meeting, 8:45 AM after our regular morning meeting.**

**14 – January Students of the Month and Patty Rice**

**21 – Warren Spencer and George Rice**

**28 – Val Weston and Dave Preble**

### *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

There were no visiting Rotarians at our last meeting, but the OHCHS Chorale performed their annual Christmas concert for us. In addition, Ann Marie Brett was the guest of her husband, Stan. Glenn Huntley and his friend, Ron, were guests of Secretary John. Superintendent of Schools, Heather Manchester, also attended the concert portion of our meeting.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Lynne Schott said she was happy to be here to listen to the chorale.

### *Announcements:*

*President Jeff* – we received a thank-you note from the VFW and American Legion for our support of their Veteran’s Day celebration.

It seems that the Tampa Bay Rays sticker that was on our banner has disappeared. Gone but not forgotten! Frank asked us how many Rays stickers we would like. However, we seem to have acquired a TBR hanging decoration to replace the sticker. Curious how that happened!?!

*PP Beth* – Beth and President Jeff went to the District Holiday event in Freeport where they sold 10 cheese bricks. Besides working on putting warming baskets together, they also helped address 70 Christmas cards that Jeff delivered to the residents of Norway Center for Life and Rehabilitation.

### *Three weeks ago:*

President Jeff led the Pledge and 4-Way Rest. After announcements, we attended the concert upstairs and then had breakfast with the students. After breakfast, we presented Director Dennis Boyd with a check for \$200.00 to help the students pay for their trip to Carnegie Hall in June. Dennis told us that they were the only high school group invited to participate in this event. Quite an honor!

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

*Tina* had happy dollars for Frank attending via Zoom from Florida and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

*Patty* was happy to have the Chorale with us once again.

*John* also had happy dollars for the kids in the chorale and remarked that it was nice to see that his grandson was not the only 17-year-old with long hair and a beard.

**Bob** had congratulations dollars for Dave P. who has 7 days of skiing under his ski boots.

**Lynne** was happy to be back and happy for the students.

**50/50 – Patty drew Rob Gunter’s number but lightning didn’t strike twice for Rob. There was \$41 in the pot that rolls over once again.**

### **Puns for the Week:**

Cassette tapes had a side A and a side B, so it’s only logical that their successor would be a CD.

I drew a picture of Mark Hamill on my wife’s forehead while she was sleeping. You should have seen the Luke on her face when she woke up!

### **January Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**Birthdays:** Stan Brett – 1/3

**Anniversaries:** David & Liz Knox – 43 yrs. – 1/22

**Membership Anniversaries:** Dave P. – 43 yrs. – 1/1; Warren Spencer – 44 yrs. – 1/1; Stan Brett – 32 yrs. – 1/4

### **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.