



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**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

### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 295th day of 2025. There are 70 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair this morning. Liz Knox is program chair and Tina Fox is 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 [griffs2@roadrunner.com](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.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 October is Economic and Community Development:**

**Breaking the cycle of poverty for women:** Most of the women living in rural Guatemala do not have the collateral to get loans from regulated financial institutions. The Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Ermita helped 400 local women complete financial literacy courses so they could pool their money and fund their own microlending program.

### **Club Calendar for October:**

10/24 – World Polio Day

10/25 – Unite the Spark Connection, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, South Portland Middle School, 120 Wescott Rd., South Portland.

10/26 – Road Toll for Polio on Fair St. by the tennis courts, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

10/29 – Ron Morse and Tally Decato

### **Club Calendar for November:**

11/3 – Board Meeting at the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

11/5 – Dave Preble and Curtis Cole

11/12 – November Students of the Month and Mike Carter

11/19 – George Rice and Conner Burnam

11/26 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott

### **Visiting Rotarian and Guests:**

DG Emma Bodwell from the Bridgton-Lake Region club was with us once again. Bob and Lois Wilgosz visited for the last time before heading to Florida and Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Secretary John was supposed to be greeter but totally forgot, so he did not have a Rotary Moment prepared.

### **Announcements:**

The Road Toll for Polio is scheduled for October 26, not the 19<sup>th</sup> as I previously thought. Bob has 6 people signed up, 8 would be perfect, 4, we can get by. Please see Bob if you can help, even if it is only for an hour or two.

Tiffany Leahy, Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Paris, has been proposed for membership by Liz Knox. If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this proposal, please speak to a board member.

### **Last Week:**

PE Conner Burnam led the meeting in the absence of President Jeff. Mike Carter gave the blessing. We didn't have a speaker scheduled as this week was a work session putting labels in the dictionaries. Prior to that, DG Emma Bodwell presented the club with a certificate from PDG Bob McKenzie for contributing over \$1500.00 to End Polio Now during his presidential year (2024-2025). She also told us that we were the #2 club in the district for our contributions to Polio. Emma was also proud to tell us that District 7780 was #1 in our zone for contributions to the Foundation.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Lois** had sad and happy dollars – sad because she and Bob are leaving shortly for the warmer climate of Florida, but she was also happy to be heading south where she will be warm all winter.

**AG Emma** was happy to be with us once again and in the absence of President Jeff, reminded us of the Unite the Spark event on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the new South Portland Middle School.

**Lynne** had a happy \$20 that her foot was better after a bag of ice fell out of her freezer and landed on top of her foot.

**50:50 – DG Emma drew Mike Carter's number but Mike drew the Ace of Hearts. There was \$143.00 in the pot.**

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

"A tub of margarine fell on my foot three weeks ago and it still hurts. I can't believe it's not better."

"Someone asked me what the 9<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet is. It was a complete guess, but I was right."

## **October Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

**Birthdays:** Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26; President Jeff – 10/30.

**Anniversaries:** Curtis & Terry Cole – 40 yrs. – 10/6; Mike & Beth Abbott – 45 yrs. – 10/11

**Membership Anniversaries:** Conner Burnam – 3 yrs. – 10/5; Tina Fox – 9 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 32 yrs. – 10/20

## **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.

**And just so you don't forget, there are 38 days until Thanksgiving and 67 days until Christmas!**