



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

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Rotary Theme for 2026-2027:

"Create Lasting Impact"

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."

2026-2027 Officers:

Rotary International President: Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria - District 7780 Governor: Michele Bois-Gilbody, Rotary Club of Freeport. Oxford Hills Rotary President – Conner Burnam – President-Elect: Bob Schott – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Jeff Noblin – 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 301st day of 2026. There are 64 days remaining in the year. Warren Spencer is program chair this morning. He will be his own speaker. Beth Abbott 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. Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia

October is Economic and Community Development Month.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable, and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by:

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
2. Developing opportunities for productive work;
3. Reducing poverty in under-served communities;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

Calendar for November:

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

4 – November Students of the Month and Val Weston

10 – Joint meeting with the Bethel Club in Bethel – Note: this is a Tuesday. No Wednesday meeting.

18 – Val Weston and Regina Wilson

25 – Thanksgiving break for the kitchen staff.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Lucas Brett was the guest of Rob Gunter.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis did not have a Rotary Moment, but Dave Preble did. He talked about the Membership Swap zoom meetings he has been attending. There have been 5 meetings so far, meeting Tuesday mornings from 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM, which is soon to change to Thursdays from 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Dave said the meetings have been productive and have offered different solutions to increasing membership. One suggestion was to change Membership Orientation to Membership Discovery.

Announcements:

We had a good Rotary turnout at the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner.

George Rice announced that 600 blocks of Cabot cheese will arrive the week of November 16. Because this order is smaller than those of the past two years, we hope to sell out sooner. The price remains \$25 for a three-pound block, and sales can begin before delivery.

Please note changes to the schedule. We will not be able to meet at the church on the 11th and 18th due to wreath making. Therefore, the Students of the Month have been moved to November 4th. We will be having a joint meeting with the Bethel Club in Bethel on Tuesday, November 10th. No meeting on Wednesday, the 11th. The location for our November 18 meeting has not been determined as I write this. November 25, we will be back at the church.

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the blessing. After breakfast, we had a work session putting labels in the dictionaries. Unfortunately, we were about 50 labels short, so John will

order more from Grassroots and take care of the remaining books. Look for a sign-up sheet to deliver them to the schools shortly.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Once again, we did not have time for Happy and Sad Dollars.

50/50 – Beth drew Rob’s number but Rob’s luck did not hold this time. He drew the 6 of Clubs. There was \$33.00 in the pot.

Puns for the week:

I asked my friend what his favorite book was. He said he liked to read the instructions on the back of a can of WD-40. He’s really into non-friction.

Astronauts always complain about not having good milk for their coffee. They were told, “In space, no one can. Here use cream.”

October Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Terry (Curtis) Cole – 10/26; Jeff Noblin – 10/30

Anniversaries: Curtis & Terry Cole – 41 yrs. – 10/6; Michael & Beth Abbott – 46 yrs. – 10/11

Membership Anniversaries: Conner Burnam – 4 yrs. – 10/5; Tina Fox – 10 yrs. – 10/19; Tally Decato – 33 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

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.