



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, October 8, 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 274th day of 2025. There are 91 days remaining in the year. Curtis Cole is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is SAD17 Superintendent of Schools, Heather Manchester. David Knox is scheduled to be 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:**

In Esmeraldas, Ecuador, Rotary members helped grant more than 250 microloans and train more than 270 community members in sewing, baking, plumbing, microcredit, business management, and leadership.

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

10/15 – Dictionary Project and John Griffith

10/19 – Road Toll by the tennis courts

10/22 – Liz Knox and Tina Fox

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

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

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

Dan Hart from Bethel was our visiting Rotarian. Gil Turner was the guest of Liz Knox and Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox.

### **Rotary Moment:**

Liz told us that Curtis Cole was in an accident over the weekend which totaled his car. Thankfully, he was not injured and he and Terry were able to leave on their trip to Scotland, I believe, the next day. Liz told us about this as David was able to help Curtis at the accident scene, that it is good to be able to help another Rotarian. That's part of what Rotary is all about.

### **Announcements:**

**President Jeff** – we have tents to set on Friday and another one on Saturday. If you can help Stan, please let him know. Also, Superintendent Heather Manchester is going to be our guest speaker next (now this) week. We'd love to have great attendance for her, so please try and bring a guest.

**George** – we have 800 cheese bricks coming. Liz will have updated order forms next week, so start selling. The price to us went up a bit but not enough for us to have to increase our price.

As Foundation chair, **George** presented Patty Rice with her sticker for reaching the \$100 EREY donation. Congratulations Patty!

Don't forget that there will be a board meeting on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Harper Center in the Ripley Building at 5:00 PM. John will be in Hershey, Pennsylvania, so would appreciate one of the other board members taking the minutes.

### **Last Week:**

President Jeff opened the meeting with the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Our guest speaker didn't appear, so Liz talked about our helping the Veterans with picking up flags in the cemeteries in South Paris. Gil Martin and Jack Higgins were the two who did this. Unfortunately, Jack recently passed away and doing this has gotten to be too much for Gil to do it alone. It involves putting flags on Veteran's graves in May and picking them up in October. Many of us volunteered to help, so Liz will follow up with Gil and get a date set to do it. This will be a good project for the club.

### **Happy and Sad Dollars**

We only had one member who was happy this week and that was **Preb** who was very happy that the Red Sox won and are in the playoffs. To Franks dismay, the Rays did not make the cut. However, Preb thinks that Frank is secretly a Red Sox fan.

**50:50 – Tally drew John's number but John didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$131.00 in the pot.**

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

Call me crazy, but nothing tops a plain pizza.

What did the fish say when he ran into a wall? "Dam"  
What did his friend who was with him say? "Dumb bass."

## **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 54 days until Thanksgiving and 82 days until Christmas!**