The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, November 10, 2026

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hils
PO Box 14
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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

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Good Morning and Welcome! **Today is the 315th day of 2026. There are 50 days remaining in the year. This week is a joint meeting with the Bethel Club in Bethel.**

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

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November's official Rotary theme is *Rotary Foundation Month,* highlighting support for The Rotary Foundation and its global humanitarian work.

Calendar for November:

18 – Val Weston and **Regina Wilson. We will be meeting at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building. Val's guest speaker is Ben Tucker.**

25 – No meeting. Thanksgiving break for the kitchen staff.

30 – Board Meeting at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM.

Calendar for December:

2 – Club Assembly and **Lynne Schott**
9 – November and December Students of the Month and **Bob Schott**
13 – Holiday District Service Event, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM.
14 – International Café, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
16 – OHCHS Christmas Chorale and **Patty Rice**
23 – Regina Wilson and **George Rice**
30 – Beth Abbott and **Dave Preble**

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Val Weston told us about an article in the most recent Rotary magazine about the Von Trapp family in Mad River Valley, Vermont. Val said she stayed at the Von Trapp family lodge and met Maria Von Trapp who she said was a very interesting woman. She appreciated the connection between her staying at the lodge and the article in the magazine.

Announcements:

George Rice – the cheese is coming the week of the 16th, which most likely means it will be in Farmington, ready for pickup on Thursday, the 19th. Please start selling!

Donnie Foster is working with the Chamber on the Christmas parade and Festival of Trees and is looking for help with the Festival on Saturday, November 28th. Please speak to Donnie for the details if you can help.

The Decca Craft Fair is coming up on November 21. We have a booth reserved and need 4 people for two shifts to sell cheese, which I believe is 9:00 AM – Noon and Noon – 3:00 PM.

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

We did not have a guest speaker, so used our meeting time for an assembly. Secretary John reported that our attendance continues to average about 80-85% which is really quite good. Just a reminder that if you miss a

meeting and have a make-up, let Stan know so he can note it on the attendance sheet. John also said that the dictionaries all now have labels and are ready to go. Beth is going to contact the schools and get dates for us to deliver them. John will be looking for volunteers once Beth gets the dates to him. Treasurer Liz said that overall, we are in positive territory and are financially in good shape. PE Bob has purchased 10 Rotary license plate frames that are available to members. Bob feels that advertising and getting the word out about Rotary is important. See Bob if you would like one. Liz asked the club to consider having a road toll to raise funds for Miles to Freedom in Oxford. They are a cat and dog shelter in Oxford and rely solely on donations. They are currently working to capture 100 cats in a colony in West Paris and another smaller colony in South Paris. Liz and David spend a lot of time helping at this shelter and Liz would like the club to do a fund raiser for them in the spring.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Lynne had happy dollars for spending time with her grandson and that she was looking forward to her entire family getting together for Thanksgiving in Stratton.

Dave P. was happy for his daughter completing the 3rd leg of the New England Road Race in Stowe, Vermont recently.

50/50 – Lynne drew Val's number but she drew the 3 of Hearts. There was $51.00 in the pot.

Puns for the week:

I'm looking for someone to help milk the cows on my dairy farm. The only qualification is that they must work well with udders.

I remember when Botox was a controversial subject but today, no one even raises an eyebrow.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Bob Schott – 11/1; Mike Carter – 11/6; Warren Spencer – 11/14; Liz Knox – 11/16; Matt (Regina) Wilson – 11/21; Conner Burnam – 11/26; Regina Wilson – 11/28

Anniversaries: None found

Membership Anniversaries: George Rice – 43 yrs. – 11/11.

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., Bridgtonn
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.