



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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.”

2025-2026 Officers:

Rotary International President: Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of 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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 316th day of 2025. There are 49 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the November Students of the Month and their guests with us. Mike Carter 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 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.

Calendar for November:

19 – George Rice and Conner Burnam

26 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott

Calendar for December:

3 – Bob Schott and Val Weston

10 – December Students of the Month and Warren Spencer

17 – Christmas Chorale and Lynne Schott

We will not be meeting on December 24th and December 31st

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole gave us information on Rotary by the Numbers. As an example, he told us that Rotary Clubs in Scotland support 2,000 publicly funded schools and that a club in Elgin supports youth with a Roto-kids program.

Announcements:

President Jeff made some announcements coming from the board meeting on Monday night:

The board approved Rob Gunter for membership. We will be inducting him and Tiffany Leahy in the near future.

The DECCA Fair is coming on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We will have a table and cheese to sell, so need some volunteers to be there. Please let Jeff know if you can spare some time that day to help out. Speaking of cheese, it will be here on November 20th.

The polio road toll was a success, bringing in \$1,610.00 which means we achieved our goal of \$1,500.00.

The board voted to help fund two international projects with \$500 each to the Sanford-Springvale Club for their global grant for a well in India and to the Biddeford-Saco club for a water project in Uganda. We understand that the Fryeburg club may also have a global grant project coming, but we don't know the details yet.

The board also voted to cancel our meetings on December 24th and December 31st. I understand the kitchen staff was very happy that we decided to do so. Our last meeting for the year will be on December 17th and our next meeting in the New Year will be January 7th.

Don't forget that we will be meeting at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building on November 12th and 19th due to wreath making at the church.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Dave Preble was our program chair which he didn't realize until 7:30 PM Tuesday evening. Nonetheless, he put together a program on the history of Polio Plus and World Polio Day. In particular, he talked about the "Plus" of Polio Plus and what it has meant in treating other diseases. For example, 8 million people

have been vaccinated against Yellow fever and in countries where Malaria is prevalent, Rotary has provided pesticides, bed nets, soap and other health care items. We also used what we learned about vaccination distribution in fighting the Covid pandemic.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty thanked Bob for helping with the dictionaries at Oxford Elementary. She said that the kids wanted their autographs! She also said that Dan Hart has sold 15 cheese wheels to Bethel Club members, so a delivery is in order. And since tonight is a full moon, don't forget to howl!

John had a sad dollar for the time change. He really hates getting back to town in the dark after driving all day. He was happy that all of his family was able to attend his grandson William's 11th birthday party over the weekend. William loves Halloween and he has a dozen or so animatronics that he and his dad set out in their yard to scare his family and friends.

Curtis wanted to know if Frank was still with us – and he was.

50/50 – Beth drew Rob Gunter's number and Rob drew the King of Queens, winning the \$170.00 in the pot. Congratulations Rob! Of course, he had to have his picture taken of him sitting on the throne with his crown!

Puns for the Week:

My grandmother used to say “the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach.” Unfortunately, She was a terrible heart surgeon.

I've started investing in stocks – beef, chicken and vegetable. One day, I hope to be a bouillionaire. Then maybe I can open a broth-el.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Bob Schott – 11/1; Mike Carter – 11/6; Warren Spencer – 11/14; Liz Knox – 11/16; Conner Burnam – 11/26

Anniversaries: None listed

Membership Anniversaries: George Rice – 42 yrs. – 11/11/83

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.