



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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 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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 323rd day of 2025. There are 42 days remaining in the year. George Rice is program chair this week and Conner Burnam 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:

20 – Cheese Arrives

22 – Decca Craft Fair at OHCHS

26 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott. Patty’s guest speaker will be Korey Morgan, the new Executive Director for Wester

Calendar for December:

1 – Board Meeting at the Harper Conference room in the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

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:

We had the November Students of the Month and their guests with us last week. Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox and we did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Mike Carter read part of a letter written by a Rotarian that was published in the latest Rotary magazine. As Rotarians, we should use the 4-Way Test in all parts of our lives, that it is meant to be used as a moral compass regarding truth, fairness and good will towards all.

Announcements:

President Jeff thanked Val Weston for polishing our bell. It looks great. Frank Shorey usually polishes it for us but since he and Connie were not able to come to Maine this year, Val volunteered to do the job.

Tina Fox talked about the DECCA Christmas Fair on the 22nd. We will have a table and will be selling cheese and Interact will be making and selling popcorn. Set-up starts at 7:00 AM. If you want to help out then, be sure to be in the building before 8:00 AM or you will have to wait until 9:00 AM when the doors open. The Fair is open until 3:00 PM. A sign-up sheet has been passed around and I assume will be again this week.

PP Beth thanked President Jeff for hosting us at the Harper Conference room these two weeks the church is not available due to wreath making.

Don't forget that we will be meeting at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building on November again this week.

Last Week:

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

After a great breakfast, Tina Fox introduced the Student of the Month program, how it began, how the students are chosen and so on. Each of the Students was introduced by a Rotarian and presented with their plaque and Rotary 4-Way Test key chain. I don't have their write-ups this week but will publish them next week.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Dave P. was happy for the students and was also happy that Curtis came out of the woods.

Beth had happy dollars for Conner selling her a car

Patty also had happy dollars for the students. She told us her nephew Brandon got his first deer and that she helped him dress it.

Warren warning dollars for us not to post pictures of feeding deer on the Internet as it is apparently against the law to do so. He got a message from Fish and Game telling him to take his picture down immediately.

Bob was impressed that one of the students was planning to go to Worcester Polytechnical School to study electrical engineering. He was happy to hear about a budding electrician and said he was lucky to be a big guy so he “Can’t get into rat holes.”

50/50 – Liz drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the 7 of clubs. There was only \$10 in the pot since Rob Gunter won last week.

Puns for the Week:

I recently combined the DNA of a cheetah with the DNA of a crab. Unfortunately, things went sideways really fast.

Did you know that the inventor of the ferris wheel and the inventor of the merry-go-round never met?
They traveled in different circles.

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.

And in case you have forgotten, there are 40 days left until Christmas!