The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, November 4, 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 308th day of 2026. There are 57 days remaining in the year. This morning will be a club assembly. Val Weton 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

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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:

10 – Joint meeting with the Bethel Club in Bethel – Note: this is a Tuesday. No Wednesday meeting.
18 – Val Weston and **Regina Wilson. We will be meeting at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building.**
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:

Lucas Brett was the guest of David Knox.

Announcements:

Secretary John Griffith reviewed the program-greeter schedule for November and December as there were several changes. Please note the schedules above which are believed correct at this time.

Bob Schott told us that we raised $1,393.00 for Polio at the Road Toll on October 25th. He thanked all who came to help.

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Warren Spencer gave the blessing.

Warren was also program chair and was his own speaker, talking about his genealogy and the Spencer family though history. Lots of interesting people!

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars😊

Patty had happy dollars for Jeff rushing in to check on Mike Abbott while he was in the emergency room at the hospital. Mike was airlifted to Maine Medical and had immediate surgery to have a pacemaker put in. She also said that she went to the River Valley Club meeting (didn't catch if George went, too). She said that three Bethel Rotarians were also there, so it was a reunion of sorts.

Lynne had $20 sort of happy dollars in that her new medication really helped her feel better the first couple of weeks she started taking it, then things kind of went downhill. However, she is noticing improvement again and hopes that it continues.

Beth told us about Mike having to have a pacemaker and that he is feeling much better.

Patty had a second round of happy dollars to say that she has become a Polio Plus Society member for pledging $100.00 per year to the cause. She reminded us that with the Gates Foundation match, her $100.00 becomes $300.00. She encouraged club members to follow her lead.

50/50 – Lynne drew Lucas Brett's number but he drew the 5 of Hearts. There was $42.00 in the pot.

Puns for the week:

I recently bought an inexpensive bathroom scale. I had to return it because it was giving me false readings. In doing so, I saw the error of my weighs.

You have reached the Wildlife hotline. Press 1 for bear life; Press 2 for moose life; Press 3 to hold on for deer life.

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.