



The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, November 5, 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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 309th day of 2025. There are 56 days remaining in the year. Dave Preble is program chair this week and Curtis Cole 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.

Club Calendar for November:

11/12 – November Students of the Month and Mike Carter

11/19 – George Rice and Conner Burnam

11/26 – Patty Rice and Beth Abbott

The calendar for December is still in flux so stay tuned.

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

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

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Tally Decato talked about growing our membership by bringing a friend to our meeting.

Announcements:

Bob Schott – the polio road toll last weekend was a success. We raised \$1,470.00 plus coin which has not yet been counted. We usually have \$200.00+ in coin so the total amount raised is in line with past polio tolls. Bob also thanked those who helped out.

John Griffith – Dictionaries are done for this year. Thanks to Beth for arranging the dates and to all who helped with delivering and talking with the kids. It's a fun project and the kids get really excited to have a new book.

Beth Abbott – we need to move the pillows for Christmas for Teens from Walmart to their location at the old Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris. A couple of pick-up trucks would be really helpful. Beth has set Monday at 11:00 AM to meet at Walmart if you can help.

The Cheese will be delivered on Thursday, November 20, in Farmington. We will need a couple of people to help with that. Time to be announced. David and Liz have agreed to store the cheese again this year.

Due to wreath making at the church, we will be meeting at the Harper Conference Center at the Ripley Building on November 12th and 19th.

Last Week:

Past President Beth led the meeting in the absence of both President Jeff and PE Conner. Mike Carter gave the blessing.

Gil Turner and Teresa Drag from the Legion were our guest speakers. While they are set for taking in the flags from Veteran's graves this fall, they will definitely need help putting them back out in the spring. Maine law requires that all Veteran's graves be decorated. The Town of Paris purchased the flags for their cemeteries and the Legion traditionally puts them out in the spring and picks them up in the fall. There are 50 cemeteries in the town that get decorated. More to come in the spring.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty had happy dollars for the membership seminar last Saturday. It was very well worth it and a lot of ideas on increasing membership were presented.

Dave P. was happy to go on a late season ride, covering 52 miles. There were 7 machines and 13 people in attendance. He and Becky saw a mountain lion on their way home.

50/50 – The story of two Davids as Dave P. drew David K.'s #. However, David drew the 6 of spades, so the \$162 in the pot rolls over.

Puns for the Week:

I have a lot of pictures of my patio doors. Guess I've taken too many screen shots.

I recently bought an original Van Gogh coffee table. I know it's original because it has a bit of veneer missing.

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.