



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, December 10, 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**

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 344th day of 2025. There are 21 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the December Students of the Month and their guests with us. Warren Spencer is scheduled to be 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.

Calendar for December:

12 – Christmas for Teens concert at OHCHS

17 – Christmas Chorale and Lynne Schott

24 – No meeting

31 – No meeting

Calendar for January:

5 – Board Meeting at the Harper Conference Center 5:00 PM

7 – Lynne Schott and Bob Schott

7 – Charitable Foundation Board Meeting, 8:45 AM after our regular morning meeting.

Calendar for January cont'd:

14 – January Students of the Month and Patty Rice

21 – Warren Spencer and George Rice

28 – Val Weston and Dave Preble

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Lynne told us about the President of the Waterville Sunrise Club who was seriously injured last week when his house was destroyed due to a propane leak. He suffered broken bones and severe burns in the accident. This led to the question is Rotary doing anything for him. Waterville is in a different district than us but if Rotary is doing anything for him, we would probably want to be involved. President Jeff said that he would reach out to DG Emma.

Announcements:

Don't forget that our meeting on December 17 is with the OHCHS Chorale. There is a sign-up sheet going around for any guests we might bring so that the kitchen folks are prepared.

The Club has not given out any Paul Harris Fellows to community members for some time. Two names were suggested at the board meeting and both were approved. We have ample points available to us to give out these awards. They will be scheduled for early next year.

Reminder that the Interact Club will be baking cookies to sell at the Christmas for Teens concert in the culinary arts department at OHCHS on Thursday, December 11, from 2:30 until done. Any members who would like to come and help are more than welcome.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge, 4-Way Test and the Curtis gave the blessing. Program Chair "Opa" Schott gave us a skiing lesson. He talked a bit about the history of skiing and the evolution of skis, poles and boots through the years. He also told us how he teaches his class with the terms "pizza, French fries, anti-pizza, shin-tongue, basketball, little toe edge and big toe edge.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty has a new rifle after 50 years! It has a scope and she got her deer! She was also happy to have a garage after two years without one.

Bob had quite an adventure trying to get to camp hauling a trailer of lumber during last week's snowstorm. I don't remember what town he got waylaid in now but he was grateful for the help he received from the town

Dave P. wished Curtis a happy birthday.

Frank from Florida was sorry about our weather.

50/50 – Curtis drew Stan's number but Stan didn't draw the King of Clubs. There was \$33 in the pot.

Puns for the Week:

They say carrots are good for your vision, but alcohol will double it.

Yesterday, I spotted an albino dalmatian. It was the least I could do for him.

The Rotary theme for December is "*Disease Prevention & Treatment,*" emphasizing the importance of health initiatives and the ongoing fight against preventable diseases.

"Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together."

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

December Birthdays: Curtis Cole – 12/6

December Anniversaries: None listed

December Membership Anniversaries: None listed

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.