The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

Wednesday, December 2, 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 336th day of 2026. There are 29 days remaining in the year. This week is a club assembly. Lynne Schott 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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The Rotary theme for December is "Disease Prevention and Treatment," one of Rotary International's key Areas of Focus. This monthly theme highlights global efforts such as polio eradication, vaccination campaigns, and broader health initiatives aimed at reducing preventable illness.

Calendar for December:

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:

We did not have any guests or visiting Rotarians.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Regina Wilson received her first Rotary magazine and was immediately drawn to an article in it on the Polio Museum at the Gates Foundation Discovery Center in Seattle, Washington. Rotary and its partners, including the Gates Foundation, have reduced polio cases by 99.9%, truly a remarkable achievement.

Announcements:

We received a thank you card from the Foster-Carroll American Legion Post #72 for our $300 donation for refreshments at their recent event.

I don't know how this year compared to last, but we sold a good number of cheese bricks at the Decca Fair last Saturday. I'm sure Beth will have an exact total to tell us.

As I write this, all the dictionaries have been delivered to the schools except for Otisfield which John is doing this coming Monday afternoon. We will have about 100 books left to carry over into next year due to the Norway grange also providing dictionaries.

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. I did not note who gave the blessing. Val Weston introduced Ben Tucker as her guest speaker. Ben is a 7th generation Mainer and is the Regional Representative for Senator Angus King. This is a non-political position and being seen is an important part of his job. Interestingly, he can't say anything about how the Senator votes and when questioned, he tells people to refer to the Senator's press releases. Ben then talked about how many of the products we use are made in Maine, from drink cup carriers made in Fairfield to plastic utensils made in Wilton by Jardins. He also mentioned Lay's getting their potatoes for their chips from farmers in Aroostook Country, and of course, Poland Spring bottling plants in Fryeburg and Denmark.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Unfortunately, John had to leave early and could not stay for all of Ben's talk. However, he was able to leave us some sad dollars: He was sad to have missed out on our joint meeting with Bethel on the 10th; he

apologized for not having a Reader available the last couple of weeks; he was sad to have to leave early last week and he was sad to have hit a deer with his Ride Source van on Monday night.

50/50 – no info!

Funnies for the week:

I used to be addicted to refrigerated Thanksgiving leftovers, but I quit cold turkey.

You should never brush your teeth with your left hand because a toothbrush works a lot better.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Curtis Cole – 12/6

Anniversaries: None found

Membership Anniversaries: None found

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.