



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

**Wednesday, December 3, 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.”

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### **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**

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 337th day of 2025. There are 28 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair this morning and Val Weston is our greeter. Bob’s program is titled “Opa from Pleasant Mountain.”

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](mailto: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:**

**7 – District Holiday Open House and Hands-on Project, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, at Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport.**

**10 – December Students of the Month and Warren Spencer**

**17 – Christmas Chorale and Lynne Schott**

**24 – No meeting**

**31 – No meeting**

### *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

Rob Gunter was the guest of David Knox.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Beth Abbott thanked all who came out and helped at the DECCA Christmas Fair on Saturday. The group sold 56 blocks of cheese and 400 some odd bags of popcorn. She also told us that the Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation will be the recipient of some cards and warming kits from the District Holiday event on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### *Announcements:*

President Jeff – the District Holiday Open House and Hands-on Project is from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport.

Also don't forget that there is a board meeting on Monday at the Harper Conference Center in Norway, 5:00 PM.

The Interact Club will be making cookies and other refreshments to sell at the Christmas for Teens Christmas Concert this coming Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> after school in the Culinary Arts department at OHCHS. If you can make it, it can be a very interesting experience.

### *Last Week:*

President Jeff led us in the Pledge, 4-Way Test and the blessing.

After breakfast, program chair Patty Rice introduced Korey Morgan, the new Executive Director for the Western Maine Foothills Land Trust. Korey is a product of the Oxford Hills, having grown up in Greenwood. He moved away after school and recently returned after 17 years away. During that time, he did a lot of traveling including teaching English in Korea and working for the US Forest Service. He said he was glad to be back in Maine and is looking forward to the future. He told us that the WMFLT was started 37 years ago in Norway and is now steward of 10,000 acres of land, 6,000 of which they own outright. The Land Trust is and continues to be a community based organization. Their primary focus is: 1) Education and Youth Engagement; 2) Community Service; 3) Environmental Stewardship and 4) Conservation. Korey talked about all that they are doing in these areas.

## 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty had thank you dollars for Beth and Tina for working at the Decca Fair.

Bob was happy for the Witt Swamp Trail in Norway

Tina had thank you dollars for Korey coming to speak to us.

**50/50 – Val drew John’s number but John didn’t draw the King of Charles. There was \$27.00 in the pot.**

### *Pun for the Week:*

The invention of the shovel was groundbreaking, but the invention of the broom really swept the nation.

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

### *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](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., Bridgton

[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg

[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford  
[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.