



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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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 56th day of 2026. There are 309 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the February Students of the Month and their guests with us. John Griffith 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 huick663speed@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.

The Rotary Theme for the month of February is Peace and Conflict **Resolution**

“By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.”

Calendar for March:

2 – Board Meeting at Harper Conference Room, Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

4 – Curtis Cole and Tina Fox. I believe our guest speaker will be Jen Kyllonen from the Pink Feather Foundation.

9 – District Grants Training – Zoom at 6:00 PM.

11 – March Students of the Month

18 – John Griffith and Mike Carter

25 – David Knox and Conner Burnam

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter David Knox talked about keeping watch of our family, friends and neighbors. In his line of work as Fire Chief and those in public service, EMS and police, it is important to have compassion and look out for one another as well as our family, friends and neighbors. If you haven't seen someone for a while, give them a call or go to their house and check on them. Look for things out of the ordinary when you are out and about. This is part of our Rotary history.

Announcements:

From President Jeff – we were sad to hear that Stan Brett had a heart attack on Sunday, the 15th. I don't have any updates but assume he is doing well. I'm sure we will know more at our meeting this week.

Jeff is working with Dave P. on the mini-Cornhole Tournament we have been asked to put on at the District Conference at the end of May.

Jeff also showed us his new "I've got the cheese" badge, compliments of Bob, and at Bob's suggestion, the member who sells the most cheese will get the pin. According to Liz, we have 178 bricks left.

The Moose Maine Kids Fishing Derby raised \$13,000.00. The largest fish caught was a 5 ½ pound salmon.

Beth announced that after several years on the waiting list, Central Maine Power will be bringing their "safety city" exhibit to May Day Play Day.

Last Week:

President Jeff led the Pledge, 4-Way Rest and blessing. After breakfast, Jeff handed out perfect attendance awards to Mike Carter, 1 year; David Knox, 2 years; Tina Fix, 8 years; Dave Preble, 10 years.; Val Weston, 17 years; Bob Schott, 29 years; Stan Bret, 30 years; George Rice, 32 years (corrected); Patty Rice, 33 years (corrected). Foundation Chair George Rice also handed out stickers for those who have donated \$100 to the Foundation this Rotary year and he presented President Jeff with his PHF+7 pin. Congratulations to all!

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

John had a sad dollar for the passing of his eldest Griffith cousin who lived in California. He passed from pneumonia at the age of 91. John said he was now the oldest remaining member of his family, which he said was very weird.

50/50 – Patty drew Val’s number but she drew the King of Hearts. There was \$97 in the pot.

Pun for the Week:

I once swallowed a bunch of synonyms. It gave me thesaurus throat I’ve ever had.

And if that’s snot bad enough,

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughingstock. That’s humerus!

February Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Shelley Griffith (John) – 2/4; Ron Morse – 2/24

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., 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.