



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
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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 70th day of 2026. There are 295 days remaining in the year. This morning, we have the March Students of the Month and their guests with us. 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 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 March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary’s people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

Calendar for March:

18 – John Griffith and Mike Carter

25 – David Knox and Conner Burnam

Calendare for April:

1 – Liz Knox and Beth Abbott

6 – Board Meeting at the Ripley Building, 5:00 PM

8 – Students of the Month and Val Weston

15 – George Rice and Warren Spencer

22 – Dave Preble and Bob Schott

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Conner Burnam told us he was excited to go to PELS this coming weekend and was very proud to be part of it.

Announcements:

President Jeff – We received a letter from Dale Pierce, owner of Lake Region Awards, that he has sold the business to Morgan Piccorelli (not sure of the spelling) effective April 1st. He is working with Morgan the next coming weeks to insure a smooth transition.

At the board meeting on March 2, we discussed planning for May Day Play Day and things are on track for it to be bigger and better than ever.

The board was also updated on the District Conference coming at the end of May. It should be a great event.

And lastly, we were happy to have Stan back with us after his hospital adventure.

Last Week:

President Jeff led the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the invocation. After breakfast, Jeff turned the meeting over to George Rice who presented Stan with his EREY sticker for donating \$100 to the Foundation. George also gave Lynne Schott her PHF+5 pin. Congratulations to Stan and Lynne.

Program Chair Mike Carter introduced Jen Kyllonen from the Pink Feather Foundation as our guest speaker. After moving several times the last few years, the Foundation is building a new home at 65 King St. in Oxford on land that was gifted to them. This is a 48' x 100' building which will have heat, a bathroom and functional work area. Working with the teachers in two school districts, SAD 17 and a second one I forgot to write down, they help 275-300 kids every year. All their items are on-line and with assistance from the teachers, students can go online, pick out clothing, shoes, coats, boots, whatever they need. Each request is packed in a suitcase along with 5 sets of new underwear and socks and delivered to the school. Students can go to the school's office to get their case or if they are self-conscious about picking it up themselves, other arrangements can be made. At the conclusion of her talk, we presented Jen with a check for \$500.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Stan was happy to be out of prison, er,,the hospital.

Dave P. had congratulations dollars for Stan and Lynne.

Patty said she was shamed into going snow shoeing twice in the last week.

John was happy for Daylight Saving Time coming.

Bob once again had the opportunity to go skiing with his grandchildren Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

50/50 – Lynne drew Warren's number, but Warren drew the 4 of Spades. The \$118 in the pot rolls over.

Pun for the Week:

The Chinese man who invented the camera lens has passed away. Rest in peace, Zoo Min.

And I couldn't pass up this one (with some modifications).

Frank: "The doc says I'm so old, I need to see an archeologist."

Connie: "Are you sure he didn't say audiologist?"

Frank: "What? I don't even own an Audi."

March Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/12; John Griffith – 3/21; David Knox – 3/24; Chris Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie Brett – 3/31; Emilie Helmer – 3/31

Anniversaries: None found

Membership Anniversaries: Bob Schott – 30 yrs. – 3/27

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.