



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**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 84th day of 2026. There are 281 days remaining in the year. David Knox is program chair this morning and Conner Burnam 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](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.

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### **The Rotary Theme for March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

Rotary clubs partnered with local organizations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution center for 4,000 people in Papua New Guinea. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

### *Calendar for March:*

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

### *Calendare for April:*

**1 – Liz Knox and Beth Abbott**

**8 – Students of the Month and Val Weston**

**15 – George Rice and Warren Spencer**

**22 – Dave Preble and Bob Schott**

**29 – Patty Rice and Lynne Schott**

### *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

Dan Hart from the Bethel Club was our only visiting Rotarian. We did not have any other guests.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter Mike Carter talked about the Four Priorities of Rotary International's Action Plan: Increase our impact; expand our reach; enhance participant engagement; increase our ability to adapt.

### *Announcements:*

**Dan Hart** from Bethel had tickets to sell to the Bethel Club's Country Breakfast coming on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM (I believe).

**President Jeff** welcomed Tally Decato back after her prolonged absence. It was nice to see Tally and she received a round of applause.

### *Last Week:*

President Jeff led the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mile Carter gave the blessing. After breakfast, Jeff turned the meeting over to program chair John Griffith who had three questions for the club – well actually nine questions since the first question was six parts.

- Part I:
1. Which New England state has the most state liquor stores?
  2. What New England state has the lowest population?
  3. What New England state has the most colleges and universities?
  4. What New England state has the worst roads?

5. In which New England state is New London and the Thames River located?
6. What New England state was home to Chester Greenwood?

Part II: What irrational fear did you have as a child that still bothers you?

Part III: What is your most embarrassing moment?

There were some interesting stories. It was a good time to get to know one another better and have a few laughs.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Beth had keep in your thought's dollars for her nephew, Nick Brunjes, who has been deployed to the Middle East. His mother, Barbara, flew out to New Mexico to see him before he left, but did not get there in time. However, she was able to face time with him.

Curtis told us that his friend's grandson is also in the service.

Dan Hart reminded Frank that the Red Sox are looking pretty good.

**50/50 – Tally drew Conner's number but Conner drew the 10 of Spades. There was \$134 in the pot.**

### Pun for the Week:

Somebody born in '33 was 45 in '78. That's gotta be some kind of record

### 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](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.