



**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.”

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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 91st day of 2026. Sad to say, the rest of the year is cancelled, so our next meeting will be on January 6, 2027. Liz Knox is program chair this morning and Beth Abbott 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](mailto: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.

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### **The Rotary Theme for April is Maternal and Child Health!**

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and their children.

## *Since the rest of the year is cancelled, there is no need to publish an April Calendar.*

### *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

### *Rotary Moment:*

In the absence of greeter Conner Burnam, President Jeff gave a Rotary moment. He told us that since becoming a Rotarian in 2001, he has been a member of several clubs, some smaller than ours and one with 90 members. All of them had different personalities but none of them have done a better job with community service than we have here in the Oxford Hills.

### *Announcements:*

*We have just received an urgent message from RI President, Francesco Arzeo. It seems that RI headquarters in Evanston has been overrun with Marshmallow Fluff. It is oozing through the walls, the roof, the floors, anywhere there is an opening, and no one seems to be able to locate the source. President Arzeo is calling in the Ghostbusters but is also asking as many Rotarians as possible to come to Evanston with bread and peanut butter in hopes of alleviating this dreadful situation.*

*President Jeff* shared information about the district workshop at Westbrook High School on Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. A continental breakfast and lunch is included. This year the workshop is entitled the Rotary Opportunity Workshop. A number of sessions have been planned so there will be something for everyone.

*Sadly,* it has been reported that everyone in New Hampshire has died. Apparently, the citizenry decided they weren't free enough, so took their state motto "Live Free or Die" to heart. Val Weston is excited about all the real estate opportunities as a result and has decided to come out of retirement.

### *Last Week:*

President Jeff led the Pledge, 4-Way Test and gave the blessing. Jeff reminded us about the Bethel Club's Country Breakfast on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Patty had tickets to sell and reminded us that the Bethel club members are very supportive of our cheese sales.

After breakfast, Program Chair Dave Preble introduced Jim Labbe, Facilities Manager at Norway-Paris Solid Waste (NPSW). Jim talked about recycling and the fact that it is improving. They are again able to take compost and glass which must be broken down by color – clear, brown, green, etc. State law has changed to require compost recycling if a transfer station takes in more than 2000 pounds per week by 2030,

and that drops to 1,000 pounds per week by 2032. There were a number of questions and comments at the end of Jim's talk. NPSW is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Bob** was happy to report that ski conditions are still incredible.

**Ron** had happy dollars for Norway Soft Serve opening.

**Warren** said he was happy for Stan being gone a month and that he would be Acting Sgt. at Arms.

**Lynne** had a happy \$5 for reading to some elementary school children. March is Read Across America month.

**50/50 – Patty drew Lynne's number, but Lynne drew the 4 of diamonds, not the King of Clubs. There was \$141.00 in the pot.**

### *Puns for the Week:*

Why shouldn't you trust stairs? They're always up to something.

I had a taser once. It was stunning.

### *April Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**Birthdays:** George Rice – 4/12; Tally Decato – 4/20; Beth Abbott – 4/24; Mike (Beth) Abbott – 4/26

**Anniversaries:** Jeff & Dean Noblin – 25 yrs. – 4/21

**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](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.

*Calendar for April:*

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

**11 – District 7780 Rotary Opportunity Workshop, Westbrook High School**

**15 – George Rice and Warren Spencer**

**22 – Dave Preble and Bob Schott**

**29 – Patty Rice and Lynne Schott**