



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, April 8, 2126**

**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 98th day of 2026. There are 267 days remaining in the year. This week, we have the April Students of the Month and their guests with us. Val Weston 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 April is Maternal and Child Health!**

Rotary members are working to **immunize 100,000 children** across nine remote Pacific Islands by working with the local health system to create sustainable delivery of vaccines.

## *Calendar for April:*

**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**

## *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week. In fact, we only had 11 members at the meeting.

## *Rotary Moment:*

In the absence of President Jeff, our scheduled greeter, Beth Abbott, substituted for him so did not have a Rotary Moment. However, Dave Preble used the time to make an announcement: he has decided to switch teams and will be working as a host at Tampa Bay Rays games. He is giving up skiing and will be moving to Florida to live with Connie and Frank. Frank said their spare bedroom is set up and ready! Go Dave!

## *Announcements:*

*The Rotary Opportunity Workshop is coming up this coming Saturday.* As has been said, it will be at Westbrook High School from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. A continental breakfast and lunch is included. President Jeff is planning to attend and has said that if anyone wants to carpool with him to let him know.

*Dave P.* – proposed some changes to Lobsters for Scholars, suggesting we lower the price from \$45 to \$40, offer two chances for \$75 and three chances for \$100. We only sold 92 tickets out of 150 last year and he thinks this might lead to more sales. Club members seemed agreeable to these changes so Dave will present this to the board for approval.

*Bob Schott* – announced that he has accepted the position of Vice-president which will make him president-elect beginning in June. Bob agreed to step up but said he is willing to cede the position if someone else wants to do it.

## *Last Week:*

In the absence of President Jeff, PP Beth Abbott let us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the invocation.

Program Chair Liz Knox apologized for not having a guest speaker but said husband Dave failed to find her one! However, she did some quick research and talked to us about Rotary and its commitment to the environment and the earth in general. Earth day is coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and World Environmental Day is in June. We have also been asked to participate in the roadside clean-up on Saturday, April 18, on Lake Road.

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Acting Sgt. at Arms Warren** suggested that everyone who did not have a Rotary pin on pay a \$1 fine. He also had a happy dollar because it was 43 years ago on April 1 that he proposed to his wife, Susan.

**Patty** had happy dollars for the Bethel Rotary Club's breakfast last Sunday. She said that we beat River Valley by purchasing 11 tickets to their 10.

**John** had happy dollars for finding and enjoying some TV shows from years past he found on Netflix – Car 54, Where are you? – My Favorite Martian – and the one he couldn't think of at the time – The Lone Ranger.

**Bob** had happy dollars for hosting his grandson for 3-4 days. There might be skiing involved.

**50/50 – Dave P. drew his own number but his luck didn't prevail as he drew the Ace of spades. There was \$146.00 in the pot.**

### *Puns for the Week:*

Remember when air was free at the gas station? Now you must pay for inflation.

Want to hear a joke about construction? I'm still working on it.

### *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.