



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 133rd day of 2026. There are 232 days remaining in the year. This morning we have the May Students of the Month and their guests with us. George Rice 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. 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 May is Youth Service

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

Calendar for May:

16 – May Day Play Day & Touch a Truck, OHCHS, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

17 – Road Toll for OHCHS Chorale trip to Carnegie Hall, by the tennis courts, OHCHS, 10:00 AM

20 – Bob Schott and Dave Preble

27 – Top Students and Ron Morse

29 – 31 – District Celebration – Bridgton area

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

Our guest speaker, SAD 17 Superintendent, Heather Manchester, was the guest of Lynne Schott and Curtis Cole. We did not have any other guests or visiting Rotarians.

Announcements:

President Jeff – it's not too late to sign up for the District Conference, May 29-30. You can register on-line. The Cornhole tournament for Saturday afternoon the 30th is on track. We need to round up some more boards and prizes.

Saturday, the 16th, is May Day Play Day and Touch-a-Truck at OHCHS from 9:00AM until 1:00 PM (although I think I heard someone say until 2:00 PM?) ed. We will have help from the Interact Club but will still need as many members as can be there.

Sunday, the 17th, we will be having a road toll on Fair Street with the proceeds going to the OHCHS Chorale's trip to Carnegie Hall in June.

Jeff also brought to our attention to an article in the Advertiser-Democrat that our own Tina Fox was one of three OHCHS teachers to be nominated for National Life Group's Life Changer of the Year award. This annual recognition identifies school teachers and support employees whose commitment to students does not stop at the classroom door or with the last bell of the day. Congratulations Tina!

Last Saturday, the 9th, we had a table set up in front of Fair Share to sell cheese bricks and Lobsters for Scholars tickets. Thanks to Ron, Dave P. and David K. for covering the 10:00 AM -Noon slot, John and Jeff from Noon-2:00 PM and Curtis and Val for the 2:00 PM-4:00 PM time period. However, it started raining just as Curtis and Val arrived and since it was quite cold, we decided to close up shop. Foot traffic was light anyway. We sold 5 cheese bricks but there were no takers for Lobster tickets.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis gave the invocation.

Our guest speaker was SAD 17 School Superintendent, Heather Manchester, who presented a program on the recently approved school budget. The school district has 11 educational buildings, 3000 students, 600+ employees, buses that drive 490,000 miles per year and 4 other facilities. The three year strategic plan includes: (1) Healthy and Resilient Students, (2) Maximize Facilities to Support Learning, (3) Recruit, Retain and Grow Talent, (4) Rigorous, Relevant and Responsive Learning. Budget decisions support the Strategic Plan. The school board and community input required a 0% budget to budget increase which with cuts and other reductions has been achieved. The district also received an increase in allocation but at the expense of the local share which results in the SAD 17 communities having to come up with an additional \$1,298,772.95 over last year. It has also been determined that the district's capital reserve is well below what it needs to be so there is a transfer of funds of \$300,000.00 to the reserve.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Bob was sad that he hasn't been skiing in 12 days.

Dave P. has Lobster tickets if you need them. Please bring in any ticket money you have next week.

50/50 – Dave P. drew Superintendent Heather Manchester's number but she didn't draw the King of Clubs.

Funnies for the Week:

I got arrested last night. The cops asked me where I was between 5 and 6 but I guess kindergarten wasn't the right answer.

I'm currently helping my wife look for her box of chocolates that I ate last Friday.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Patty Rice – 5/9; Susan (Warren) Spencer – 5/29

Anniversaries: Frank & Connie Shorey – 62 years – 5/23

Membership Anniversaries: Lynne Schott – 22 yrs. – 5/5; Liz Knox – 8 yrs. – 5/9; Mike Carter – 3 yrs. – 5/10

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.