



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.”

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: Bob Schott - 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 161st day of 2026. There are 204 days remaining in the year. Val Weston is program chair this morning. She has asked Mike Carter to speak to us about his recent trip to Europe with the students. David Knox 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 June is Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that bring together people with shared hobbies, professions, or passions, allowing members to **make friends worldwide** and expand their social network beyond their local club or district. Members can meet others who share similar interests, participate in events, and enjoy activities in a global context, fostering lifelong friendships and cultural understanding

Calendar for June:

17 – Beth Abbott and Rob Gunter

24 – Changeover and John Griffith

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

Calendar for July:

1 – Mike Carter and Tina Fox

8 – Curtis Cole and Curtis Cole

15 – Tina Fox and Mike Carter

19 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs

22 – John Griffith and Beth Abbott

29 – Rob Gunter and Val Weston

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

The Top Students from the OHCHS Senior Class were our guests, along with OHCHS Principal Paul Bickford and Technical School Principal, Randy Crockett.

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Liz Knox talked about all of the activities and things we have done during her time in Rotary and how much she has enjoyed those experiences.

Announcements:

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President Jeff – The District Conference was a wonderful event. The Cornhole Tournament we put on had 16 participants. A big shout out to Dave P. for all his time and work putting it together.

At the last board meeting, we discussed several things. We received an inquiry from Joanna Cohn from Bridgton asking us if we would like to pursue a grant to promote elementary school education. The Bridgton club applied for a grant which was given this year. Joanna would like to see this program expand into other school districts and has asked if we would be interested. The board was supportive of the idea and will ask Joanna to come and speak to us about this. If we apply, it would be for spring of 2027.

We also need to vote on officers and directors for 2026-2027 which we have not yet done.

President: Conner Burnam

President-elect: Bob Schott

Vice-president: Vacant
Treasurer: Liz Knox
Secretary: John Griffith
Past President: Jeff Noblin
Club Service Director: Beth Abbott
Community Service Director: Bob Schott
International Service Director: Val Weston
Youth Service Director: Tina Fox
Sgt. at Arms: Stan Brett

Hopefully, we will have a quorum of members on Wednesday so we can formally elect these officers and directors.

We also need to submit our vote for one of the two candidates for the Zone 32 Member of the 2026-27 Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2028-29. Those two candidates are Julia Phelps from the Portsmouth club and Brenda Marie Cressey from the Ogunquit club. Both have extensive Rotary backgrounds. We all received an e-mail with these candidate's biography and Rotary experience.

We also need to submit our vote on the merger of District 7780 and District 7850.

Lastly, we need to choose our Rotarian of the Year for 2025-2026. A nomination form has been sent out via e-mail but we also have printed copies available if that is your preferenc

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After breakfast, Principal Bickford brought the students forward and each of them introduced themselves, where they were from and what their plans were for next year. As usual, they were an impressive group of young people. So many times, all we hear about our schools are negative, yet these young are proof that great things are happening in education in Oxford Hills.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

John had happy dollars for the students, and he was happy to have his '72 LTD back on the road after some repairs.

Bob and Lynne went to the District Conference and had a great time.

Tina was happy to have the students with us, and said that her youngest granddaughter is graduating from 6th grade.

Dave P. had congratulations for the students and said that he and Beth are planning their 50th high school class reunion this year.

50/50 – Val drew Mike’s number but he drew the 9 of spades. There was \$207.00 in the pot.

Pun for the week:

Someone posted that they just baked some synonym buns. I replied, “You mean just like the ones grammar used to make?” Now I’m blocked!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Becky (Dave) Preble – 6/20; Lynne Schott – 6/22

Anniversaries: George & Patty Rice – 26 yrs. – 6/3; Bob & Lynne Schott – 55 yrs. – 6/5; Charlie & Tina Fox – 39 yrs. – 6/13; John & Shelley Griffith – 51 yrs. – 6/21

Membership Anniversaries: John Griffith – 20 yrs. – 6/7; Curtis Cole – 42 yrs. – 6/14

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.