



**Rotary**

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

Wednesday, June 24, 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: 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

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 175th day of 2026. There are 190 days remaining in the year. This morning is the last meeting of this Rotary year. President Jeff will start the meeting and President Conner will end it. Yours truly is 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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### Calendar for June:

**27 – First Lobsters for Scholars dinner. If you can help, see Dave P. for the details.**

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

### Calendar for July:

**1 – Mike Carter and Tina Fox. Mike’s guest speaker will be Theresa Drag who will be talking about Quilts of Valor.**

**8 – Curtis Cole and Curtis Cole**

**15 – Tina Fox and Mike Carter**

**18 – Second Lobsters for Scholars dinner. If you can help, see Dave P. for details.**

**19 – Rotary at the Sea Dogs**

**22 – John Griffith and Beth Abbott**

**29 – Rotarian of the Year get together at Cole’s, 5:00 PM.**

### **Rotary Moment:**

Substitute greeter Warren Spencer, going back to his days as a member of the Hampton Club, told us that they required members to sit at a different seat at every meeting. Our club doesn’t, so he and Ron decided to today.

### **Visiting Rotarian and Guests:**

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

### **Announcements:**

**President Jeff** – We received a nice thank you letter from the Oxford Hills Area Association of Churches for our donation of \$650.00 to the Norway Community Lunch Program.

Looking out over the group, Jeff said he felt like he was in the “Twilight Zone” as Ron and Warren were at a different table!

**Dave Preble** – Rotarian of the Year forms have been e-mailed to all members so please nominate a deserving Rotarian. If you don’t want to use the on-line form, there are hard copies available. The ROTY committee would like all nominations in by June 30.

The Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, from noon ‘til finish at Paris Hill Country Club. We need sponsors for the prizes. Solicitation letters available so if you have local contacts that might be willing to sponsor the event, please ask.

**Foundation Chair George Rice** gave Curtis, Tina and Dave P. their stickers for donating \$100 to the Foundation this Rotary year.

### **Last Week:**

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After announcements and breakfast, Program Chair Beth Abbott introduced Ryan Richie who came to talk to us about **Mainely Wishes**, whose mission is to “Create a world of love, through life changing wishes for those in need.”

From their website, “Mainely Wishes is dedicated to transforming lives by granting meaningful wishes to individuals in need, including children and adults battling medical conditions, veterans, families facing hardship...seeking to fulfill their bucket list goals. We also provide scholarships to support educational aspirations. The organization is entirely volunteer-driven and collaborates with state agencies, schools, hospitals, and local communities to make these wishes a reality.”

A couple of examples of the wishes they have given: providing a service dog for a Veteran and providing heating oil for a widow who could not afford to pay her bill. Mainely Wishes is not just for the Oxford Hills area. They are looking to become a statewide organization. Check out their website at [Mainelywishes.org](http://Mainelywishes.org).

### 😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

**Dave P.** had Happy Birthday dollars for Becky

**Patty** was happy for another successful Heywood Club Yard Sale. She counted a total of 35 yard sales in the area.

**Warren** was happy to have his daughter and family visiting.

**Tina** had a chance to go fishing and got a big rainbow red.

**Val** had a call from a college roommate that she and her daughter were coming for a visit.

**Bob** had birthday wishes for Lynne and their daughter-in-law.

**50/50 – Liz drew Ron’s number but Ron drew the 6 of Hearts. There was \$223.00 in the pot.**

### *Funnies for for the week:*

Did you hear about the photographer who was tragically crushed when a massive brick of cheddar fell on him? In all fairness, the people he was photographing tried to warn him.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn’t work.

### *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](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.

If you are like me and are curious about what clubs are in District 7850, here they are. If you aren't curious, then no need to read on!

Barre, VT  
Boundary, Stanstead, PQ  
Bristol, NH  
Burlington, VT  
Cambridge, Jeffersonville, VT  
Central, Berlin VT  
Cohase, Bradford, VT  
CSH, Shelbourne, VT  
Drummondville, PQ  
Drummondville Malouin, PQ  
Essex, VT  
Hanover, NH  
Kingdom Impact, St. Johnsbury, VT  
Lancaster, NH  
Lebanon, NH  
Lincoln, NH  
Littleton, NH  
Lyndonville, VT  
Middlebury, VT  
Montpelier, VT  
Morrisville, VT  
Newport, VT  
North Conway, NH  
Northfield, VT  
Ossipee, NH

Plymouth, NH  
Randolph, VT  
Randolph Sunrise, VT  
Sherbrooke, PQ  
South Burlington, VT  
St. Albans, VT  
St. Johnsbury, VT  
Stowe, VT  
Valley, Waitsville, VT  
Vergennes, VT  
Waterbury, VT  
White Mountain, Berlin, NH  
Williston, VT  
Wolfeboro, NH