



# Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

**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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### 2024-2025 Officers:

Rotary International President: Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania - District 7780  
Governor: Robert McKenzie, Rotary Club of Kennebunk, ME – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott  
– President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Conner Burnam - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Service Chair: Bob Schott – Vocational Service Chair: Jeff Noblin - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 176th day of 2025. There are 189 days remaining in the year. This morning is our Presidential Change-over meeting. Tina Fox is scheduled to be 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 207-461-7158 or e-mail at [griffs2@roadrunner.com](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com). Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

### Calendar for July:

7/2 – Ron Morse and Tally Decato

7/9 – Dave Preble and Curtis Cole

7/13 – Road Toll for the Food Pantries by the tennis courts, Fair St.

7/14 – Board Meeting at South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM

7/16 – George Rice and Mike Carter

7/23 – Patty Rice and Conner Burnam

7/30 – Bob Schott and Beth Abbott

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests last week.

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter John Griffith shared his Rotary voyage, starting with becoming a charter member of the club back in 1983 when Chris Hascall called him and said “I am starting a Rotary Club in Oxford Hills. I need 10 people and you will be the treasurer.” He was my boss, so..... When my family and I moved to Center Conway in 1986, I joined the North Conway Rotary, leaving that club when my job changed again and not starting back in Rotary until 2006 when Glenn Huntley recruited me. Actually, I made a deal with him. I was on the board of the Child Health Center back then. We were looking for community support as additional funding and invited community members to come and listen to our program. I told Glenn that if he came to my meeting, I would come to his. He did, I did, and here I am 19 years later.

### *Announcements:*

*Road Toll* – a sign-up sheet was sent around last week and I think I recall seeing that we had 5-6 members sign on. Assume, however, that it will be circulated again this week just to be sure.

*President Beth* – told us that several members went to PP Pat Cook’s Celebration of Life at 290 Maine on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Beth said that Pat’s daughter, Kiera, was pleased that we were there.

*Secretary John* - Pardon my confusion last week about the RI President resigning. I thought I mis-heard PE Jeff when I saw the e-mail that Julie Forbes resigned as our area AG. I had not personally heard of either happening. The new RI President is Francesco Arezzo from the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy. Patti Smith has stepped in as our area AG.

### *Last Week:*

President Beth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

Program Chair Liz Knox talked about the recent town elections and South Paris town meeting. About 250 people attended the town meeting and it was very contentious. In the end, \$1.1 million dollars was eliminated from the budget which will affect every department in town. The town administration budget was cut by ¼ which eliminates 2 positions. Road repair, capital improvements and contingency were all cut. Staff will be picking up the pieces and moving on. But things will be different, and taxes are still going to go up.

### Happy and Sad Dollars

Tina was happy and excited to be assigned a new room at OHCHS which will give her much more classroom space. She showed us a diagram of her room which is bisected by the Norway and Paris town line. She also announced that Hannaford accepted a proposal from the high school to fully fund and supply a food pantry at the school.

Dave P. was happy for three family birthdays coming in the next week – the 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, one of which is Becky's and it's a big one, which is all he would say.

Bob told us that he and Lynne celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently.

John was happy for his and Shelley's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the same date calendar wise as the Saturday they were married on, June 21, 1975. The 21<sup>st</sup> also marks the date of their signing for their home in Norway 34 years ago.

50/50 Drawing: Patty drew Val's number but Val didn't draw the King of Clubs.  
There was \$152 in the pot.

### Riddle me these:

What do you call a chicken staring at some lettuce?

What do you call a cow with no legs?

(No fair peaking at the answers below until you give up!)

1) Chicken Sees-a-Salad    2) Ground Beef

## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries:***

**July Birthdays:** Frank Shorey – 7/2; Dave Preble – 7/9; Connie (Frank) Shorey – 7/17

**July Anniversaries:** Mike & Jo Carter – 46 yrs. – 7/3; Warren & Susan Spencer – 42 yrs. – 7/23; Dave & Becky Preble – 39 yrs. – 7/26

**July Membership Anniversaries:** Frank Shorey – 41 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 38 yrs. – 7/22

## **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.