



## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, July 1, 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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### **2026-2027 Officers:**

Rotary International President: Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria - District 7780 Governor: Michele Bois-Gilbody, Rotary Club of Freeport. Oxford Hills Rotary President – Conner Burnam – President-Elect: Bob Schott – Vice-president: Vacant - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Jeff Noblin – 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 182nd day of 2026. There are 183 days remaining in the year. Mike Carter is program chair this morning. His guest speaker is Theresa Drag who will be talking about Quilts of Valor. Tina Fox is our greeter. Hope she remembers, unlike me last week!

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 the month of July is Maternal and Child Health**

Rotary’s official July theme is *Maternal and Child Health Month*, focusing on reducing maternal and child mortality through immunizations, antibiotics, improved healthcare access, and training local health providers. Rotary supports sustainability by empowering communities to take ownership of health programs, aligning with one of its Seven Areas of Focus

### *Calendar for July:*

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. No morning meeting!

### *Rotary Moment:*

Greeter John Griffith forgot he was greeter so didn't have a Rotary Moment. However, he was curious as to whether club members "got" the "funny" in last week's Reader. It seems he had to explain it to Shelley and one of their sons. John thought it was hilarious and quite relative since we sell bricks of cheese.

"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."

### *Visiting Rotarian and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians or guests.

### *Announcements:*

*Dave Preble* – Last chance if you have not nominated someone for Rotarian of the Year. We will be having a ROTY get together on Wednesday evening, July 29, at Curtis and Terry Cole's as we did last year. We will not be having a morning meeting that day.

*Reminder from last week:* 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* presented Lynne Schott with her EREY sticker for this Rotary Year. George said we had 12 members who reached that goal.

**Treasurer Liz Knox**– dues are due! Invoices will be coming out shortly. Dues remain the same as last year at \$175.00 per member.

### **Last Week:**

President Jeff led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After breakfast, we had our changeover meeting. President Jeff started the meeting and spoke about all the club's accomplishments during the year. He also thanked each board and chair member for their service. He then called PE Conner and his board forward and had a swearing-in ceremony for them before handing the gavel to President Conner. In my time as a member, I don't remember any president ever doing this in this way, so I thought it was a very nice thing to do.

### **😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊**

**Frank** had congratulations dollars for Jeff and his year as president, and a welcome to Conner as president.

**Warren** had a sad and embarrassed dollar as he will have to bow out of helping with the Lobsters for Scholars dinner on Saturday. Seems when he told Susan, she reminded him that they had something else scheduled for that time. Warren said that "when his wife talks, I have to listen."

**Bob** had happy dollars for Lynne's 75th birthday. They went to Smitty's theater in Auburn for dinner and a movie. He also said he met their two new neighbors, both of whom work at the hospital and know Jeff.

**John** shared a text and pictures he received from past member Glenn Huntley who fell off a ladder while cutting a branch on a tree he planted 50 years ago. His face was quite black and blue, but he didn't break anything except his pride.

**50/50 – Patty drew Stan's number but Stan drew the 8 of Spades. There was \$242 in the pot.**

### **Funnies for for the week:**

**What do you call a warrior from the Middle Ages with lots of useless knowledge?**

A trivia Knight

**What do you call a typo on a tombstone?**

A grave mistake

## *July Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**Birthdays:** Fank Shorey – 7/2; Dave P. – 7/9; Connie Shorey – 7/17

**Anniversaries:** Mike & Joe Carter – 47 yrs. – 7/3; Warren & Susan Spencer – 43 yrs. – 7/23; Dave and Becky Preble – 40 yrs. – 7/26

**Membership Anniversaries:** Frank Shorey – 42 yrs. – 7/1; Val Weston – 39 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.