



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."

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

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 189th day of 2026. There are 176 days remaining in the year. We do not have a program chair for this week. Mike Carter is scheduled to be 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 the month of July is Maternal and Child Health

In Sri Lanka, Rotary members collaborated with the ministry of health to support policy change and improve cervical cancer screening protocols. They advocated for HPV vaccination which is now part of the national immunization program.

Calendar for July:

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!

Calendar for August:

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

5 – Rob Gunter and Warren Spencer

12 – David Knox and Bob Schott

19 – Liz Knox and Lynne Schott

26 – Tiffany Leahy and Patty Rice

Rotary Moment:

Greeter Curtis Cole talked about the new RI President, Olayinka Babalola who is the second African to be named RI president. He is both an engineer and an attorney

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

Donnie Foster was the guest of Beth Abbott. We did not have any visiting Rotarians.

Proposed Member:

Donnie Foster has been proposed as a member by Beth Abbott. Donnie is a real estate agent for Everett Realty Group in Livermore Falls and currently resides in East Livermore. However, he has extensive connections in the Oxford Hills.

Announcements:

We did not have any particular announcements last week – just reminders to keep working on getting sponsors for the Cornhole Tournament in August and remember that dues are due!

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Mike Carter gave the blessing. After breakfast, President Conner turned the meeting over to program chair, Curtis Cole, who introduced our own Warren Spencer who talked about his days in the Navy as a Shore Patrol officer. The Shore Patrol is the Navy version of the military police in other branches of the services. In October 1972, Warren entered the Navy early as he had a very low draft number and wanted to choose the path he took rather than wait to be drafted and have Uncle Sam choose for him. He talked about his experiences in the 2 ½ years he was in the Patrol and shared both the sad and happy things that happened to him. It was an experience he will never forget.

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Jeff was happy to be a “civilian” once again.

Dave P. had was happy to be celebrating his 67th birthday tomorrow.

Speaking of age, John was happy that one of his passengers, telling him all his health problems, made the comment that “just wait until you are 65. You’ll find out what I’m talking about.” When John told the fellow that he was 76, he replied, “I thought you were in your 50’s.”

Bob related that back in 1972, his draft number was 18, but when he appeared as directed, he was told not to bother as the draft was cancelled.

50/50 – Patty drew Warren’s number but Warren drew something other than the King of Clubs. There was \$259 in the pot.

Funnies for for the week:

“I hate it when a bag of salad turns brown and soggy after two days. Funny, but cookies have never let me down like that.”

If you can’t think of the correct word, say “I’ve forgotten the English word for it.” That way people will think you’re bilingual instead of an idiot.

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

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.