



# Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

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

**Wednesday, July 16, 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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### 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: Vacant - 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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### Home Club of PDG George Rice

**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 197th day of 2025. There are 168 days remaining in the year. George Rice is program chair this morning. Our guest speaker is Christy Gardner, Founder & President of Mission Working Dogs in Oxford. Mike Carter 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 207-4617158 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:

**7/14 – Board Meeting at South Paris town office, 4:00 PM. Note 1 hour earlier than usual.**

**7/20 – Lobsters for Scholars dinner for Patty Cornell**

**7/23 – Patty Rice and Conner Burnam.** Patty's guest speaker is District Protection Officer, Greg Dowty.

**7/27 – Lobsters for Scholars dinner for Pat Paine**

**7/30 – Bob Schott and Beth Abbott**

### *Calendar for August:*

**8/4 – Board Meeting at South Paris town office, 5:00 PM**

**8/6 – Lynne Schott and Val Weston**

**8/13 – Warren Spencer and Warren Spencer**

**8/20 – Val Weston and Lynne Schott**

**8/23 – Cornhole Tournament at Paris Hill Country Club, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**8/27 – Beth Abbott and Bob Schott**

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests:*

We did not have any visiting Rotarians, but we were happy to see past member, Glenn Huntley!

### *Rotary Moment:*

Curtis said that the secretary usually reminds him when it is his turn to be greeter so he is at a loss today!

### *Announcements:*

There are some Cornhole solicitation letters available on Stan's table for you to take to local businesses. Remember we are looking for sponsors to cover the cost of prizes and door prizes as the admittance fees are our profit.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> South Paris cookout was very steady. Beth, David, Linda Earle and Liz were able to help out. It was great to visit with Linda, who substituted for Bob. Sara Glenn was there handing out helmets to the kids. Tiffany was running around, having a great day. It looked like everyone had a good time.

Our traveling grill is now at David and Liz's house.

Don't forget the board meeting on Monday, 7/14. We will be meeting at 4:00 PM at the South Paris town office – an hour earlier than usual.

Stan needs a tent set next Friday afternoon for the triathlon at the boat landing at Norway Lake. Stan, Dave and Curtis will be there to set.

**Patty Rice's guest speaker on July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Greg Dowty, District Protection Officer, who will be giving us our annual protection training. It is very important that all members receive this training, so please be sure to attend.**

### *Last Week:*

President Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test. No note on who gave the blessing.

Dave's guest speaker, John Williams, from the Chamber of Commerce, did not show up so our meeting time was taken up with the announcements.

### *Happy and Sad Dollars*

*Dave P.* turned 66 today so we all sang Happy Birthday to him.

*Patty* – wished Glenn Huntley a happy birthday yesterday and also to Beth's son, Brandon. She also said the she, George and Bruce and Marie Williams went to see Judy Spears at Papoose Pond last week. They had lots of laughs and fun. Judy is doing a 7,000 mile camper trip this summer.

*Glenn* had a happy to be here dollar.

*Bob* told us that all the grandkids were at camp last weekend for Will's birthday. They had a lot of fun and all the kids went down the river.

*50/50:* Liz picked Dave's number but Dave picked the 6 of Diamonds. There was \$20 in the pot.

### *Quote for the Week:*

“The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog.”

~ Mark Twain ~

### *Pun for the Week:*

In Athens, no one wakes up before noon because Dawn is tough on Greece.

## **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.

