 **The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader**

**The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills**

**PO Box 14**

**Norway, ME 04268**

# Wednesday, July 2, 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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**Rotary International President: Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of 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**

**Home Club of PDG George Rice**

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***Good Morning and Welcome!* Today is the 183rd day of 2025. There are 182 days remaining in the year. Ron Morse is scheduled to be program chair. However, he has arranged for Christie Gardner to come and speak to us on July 16, so I don’t know what our program is for this week. Christie Gardner raises and sells service dogs, so that should be an interesting program. Tally Decato 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 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:***

**7/9 – Dave Preble and Curtis Cole. Dave’s guest speaker will be John Williams from the Chamber of Commerce.**

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

***July cont’d***

**7/16 – George Rice and Mike Carter. Our guest speaker will be Christie Gardner who raises and sells service dogs.**

**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 Tina talked about today, the 25th, being the last day of RYLA. The campers will be doing their presentations followed by a BBQ.

***Announcements:***

***President Jeff –*** reminded us that we have a Road Toll for food pantries coming on Sunday, Ju;y 13th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Our July board meeting will be on Monday, July 14th at the South Paris town office. I believe we decided to meet at 4:30 PM instead of 5:00 PM because of a South Paris Selectboard meeting at 6:00 PM. We will go back to our regular board meeting schedule starting in August.

We have also promised to cook hot dogs for the South Paris 4th of July Celebration at Moore Park on the 4th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Warren, Bob and David Knox have volunteered to help with that.

***Dave P. –*** the winners of Lobsters for Scholars have scheduled their dinners. Patty Cornell will be on Sunday, July 20, and Pat Paine will have hers the next week, Sunday, July 27. We will need 4 members for each event. Let Dave know if you are available to help.

Dave is also looking to schedule the Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, August 17 or the next Sunday, August 24 at Paris Hill Country Club. He would like to piggyback the event with the Hannibal Hamlin birthday celebration.

***PP and Foundation Chair George*** gave Bob his EREY sticker for donating $100 to the Foundation over the course of the year.

***Last Week:***

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

Beth started our meeting by thanking everyone for their support after she took over from President Dan who was unable to finish his term. Beth said, “We’re all good” and that she is looking forward to Jeff taking over the duties of president at which point, she handed the gavel to President Jeff. Jeff, in turn, thanked Beth for her nearly 2 years as president and thanked the club for entrusting the office to him. As president, he would like to build on what the club has been doing through the years and grow our membership.

☺***Happy and Sad Dollars***☺

***President Jeff*** was happy to thank Warren and Curtis for playing golf for the hospital benefit.

***Frank*** had happy thank you dollars for Beth and Jeff for their work out-going and in-coming presidents.

***50/50 Drawing: Patty drew John’s number and shocker, John drew the King of Clubs, which he initially thought was the King of Spades. There was $158 in the pot. John put on the crown, sat in the King’s chair and had his picture taken.***

***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

***Pardon My Pun!***

I was very disappointed to learn that my universal remote control does not control the universe. Not even remotely!

I’ve been out of work all week because my pet cow is sick. My boss thinks I’m milking it.

**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., Bridgtonn [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, 2nd 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.