



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 196th day of 2026. There are 169 days remaining in the year. Yours truly is program chair this morning. Beth Abbott is 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 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

“If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger.” Robert Zinser, co-founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development and retired president for Asia at chemical giant BASF.

Calendar for July:

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:

Mike Carter was unable to be with us, so Dan Hart stepped in with a Rotary Moment, reflecting on his nearly 40 years as a Rotarian in service and fellowship. He also told us that 37 people have signed up to go to the Sea Dogs game on Sunday.

Visiting Rotarian and Guests:

Donnie Foster was the guest of Beth Abbott and Dan Hart from Bethel was our visiting Rotarian.

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 an office in South Paris and has extensive connections in the Oxford Hills.

Announcements:

Bob and Dave P. showed us the new banner they had made for the Cornhole Tournament. Bob said we now have five of them. Three are already up, the remaining two will be shortly.

Final reminder from *Dave P.* that our second and last Lobsters for Scholars dinner will be on Saturday at 165 Emerson Rd. in Norway.

Dan Hart talked about the Bethel Club's Annual Yard sale which starts August 6th and runs through the 10th. Quite an undertaking for the club but it is their largest fund raiser of the year. They collect items all year round and have two barns plus completely filled.

Speaking of yard sales, the church's annual yard sale is coming up soon. I don't know the date right now, but let's keep this in mind.

Past member Glenn Huntley's birthday was last week. Happy Belated Birthday to Glenn! We miss you!

Last Week:

President Conner led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing. We did not have a guest speaker or program, but spent the time talking about the Cornhole Tournament and other activities we are involved in. Bob told a rafting story and he and Lynne remembered Donnie Foster as a member of OHCHS interact. Dave also announced that Donnie and Everett Realty had purchased and donated two lobster cookers for the club. Thank-you, Donnie!

😊 Happy and Sad Dollars 😊

Patty had grateful dollars to the 20 agencies that responded to the woods fire in Otisfield the other day. She said it was really neat to hear all the responses on the scanner.

Bob had sad dollars for a friend of Lynne's family who passed away age 92.

Curtis was happy that he and Terry went on a side-by-side group trip to Jackman and Rockwood last week.

50/50 – Patty drew Beth's number but Beth drew the 3 of Spades. There was \$267 in the pot.

Funnies for for the week:

“My half-brother and I aren't allowed to play with chainsaws anymore.”

“There's a constant ticking sound on the street where I live. I think it might be the neighborhood watch.”

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.