



Rotary

The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
PO Box 14
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Wednesday, July 23 & July 30, 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."

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

Home Club of PDG George Rice

Good Morning and Welcome! Today is the 211th day of 2025. There are 154 days remaining in the year. Bob Schott is program chair this morning and 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 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 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:

July 16th – Eric Tierno was the guest of Ron Morse; Sherrie Onofrio and Barry Cummings were the guests of Ron Morse; Glenn Huntly was the guest of John Griffith; Barbara Brunjes was the guest of Beth Abbott and Kristen Filbeck was the guest of Jeff Noblin.

July 23rd – Bruce and Marie Williams from the Kittery Club and Greg Dowty from Dover were our visiting Rotarians

Rotary Moment:

We didn't really have a true Rotary Moment either week. However, Dave P. spoke up on the 16th asking where Frank was because the Sox won four straight games against the Rays. Last week, Jeff commented that cooking lobsters is "different."

Announcements:

Jeff – the road toll for the food pantries was a great success, raising \$2,700.00 which is a record for our toll event. Jeff thanked Dave, Curtis, Conner and David K. for helping with the event.

We will be having an "End of the Year" party at Curtis and Terry Cole's house on Saturday, August 2nd, at 5:00 PM. We will be announcing our Rotarian of the Year.

From the last Board meeting, the board approved the presentation of a plaque to Dan Allen for his years of service to the club. Dan joined the club on March 7, 1984, and continued his membership through June 30, 2025, a total of 41 years, 3 months and 23 days.

Dave P. – told us that we now have four corporate sponsors for the Cornhole Tournament – Stephen's Memorial, Ripley & Fletcher Ford, Edward Jones and Ameriprise Financial.

Bob – all of the Cornhole Tournament banners are up. One is across the entrance of Walmart, a second one is by Lake Region Awards and the third is across from Ripley & Fletcher Ford.

Last Week:

President Jeff led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-Way Test for both weeks. Glenn gave the blessing on the 16th and Mike gave it on the 23rd.

Our program on the 16th was Christy Gardner and her dog, Doug. Christy is a disabled veteran who started the non-profit, Mission Working Dogs, providing service dogs to veterans. She talked about the differences between therapy dogs and service dogs. Therapy dogs are emotional support dogs. They do not have any particular training and don't perform tasks. They therefore cannot go into stores or places that do not allow dogs. Service dogs are fully trained to perform tasks, remain calm and not bark. They are allowed to go wherever their owner/handler goes. Mission Working Dogs has graduated 51 dogs in 5 years and there are currently 90 dogs in the program. At the end of her talk, President Jeff presented Christy with a check for \$250.00.

Our program last week was our annual Club Protection training presented by Greg Dowty, District Protection Officer from the Dover Club. Introduced by Patty Rice, Greg has held many roles in his Club and in the District. He talked about the history of Child Protection and said that it is still a national problem and not just isolated cases with the Catholic church, the Boy Scouts and Philips-Exeter Academy still dealing with their issues. Therefore, it is important to the clubs, district and RI, that all Rotarians are trained in child protection. The policy and details can be found on the RI website.

Happy and Sad Dollars

Lynne had a happy \$20 for her great weekend with the grandkids.

Curtis said something about handing out dog biscuits at the road toll but I didn't catch all of what he said.

Tina was happy we had Christy as our guest speaker and is very excited for the work she is doing.

John was happy to share that he and Shelley had a wonderful family get together on Saturday, June 21st, for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He was also happy to attend his cousin and wife's 50th Anniversary in Portland on July 10. It was great seeing so many relatives that he normally doesn't see.

50:50 – No one won the pot either week. There was \$35.00 in the pot as of last week.

Pun for the Week:

I got 20% off a tent at L.L. Bean and I slept in it from December until March. It was the winter of my discount tent.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

August Birthdays: Dean (Jeff) Noblin – 8/3; Charlie (Tina) Fox – 8/27

August Anniversaries: None Found

August Membership Anniversaries: David Knox – 2 yrs. – 8/2

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.

